**Draft Statement**

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Thank you, Madam President.

The Republic of Korea commends Thailand for consolidating its legal and institutional frameworks to safeguard the rights of vulnerable groups. We especially welcome the enactment of laws on child protection and emergency decrees on migrant workers’ rights. Also praiseworthy is Thailand’s adoption of the National Action Plan on Business and Human Rights.

With such progress in mind, we make the following recommendations:

1. Ensure that laws and policies on the rights to freedom of expression, peaceful assembly, and association comply with relevant international human rights standards;
2. Expedite the process of the legislation outlawing torture and enforced disappearance; and
3. Continue to work towards guaranteeing the transparency and independence of the National Human Rights Commission, in full accordance with the Paris Principles.

I thank you.

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