**Statement by the Delegation of Thailand**

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Mr. President,

Thailand welcomes Iceland’s advancement in the field of human rights, including its endeavours to become Party to several international human rights treaties, and encourages Iceland to ratify Optional Protocols to the CRPD and CRC.

We applaud Iceland’s efforts in upholding women’s rights and gender equality through implementing various plans such as Action Plans on the Prevention of Sexual and Gender-based Violence and Harassment, and on Gender Equality.

Thailand recognizes the efforts of Iceland in combating labour exploitation and trafficking in persons. We recommend Iceland to continue its efforts in ensuring effective investigations and prosecutions against all persons engaged in trafficking in persons, and providing protection and assistance to the victims of all nationalities.

While acknowledging its progress on the protection of children, Thailand recommends Iceland to step up its efforts in providing support to children who face physical and psychological violence, in particular children with disabilities, and effectively implementing the Action Plan on Child Protection.

I thank you.

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