**Statement by the Delegation of Thailand**

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Mr. President,

Thailand acknowledges the progress made by Venezuela in implementing the recommendations from the previous UPR cycle.

We welcome the measures taken by Venezuela to address the COVID-19 pandemic and mitigate its impact on the people, with advice and technical assistance from the WHO and international partners.

In addition to various undertakings to prevent human trafficking, Thailand recommends Venezuela to strengthen its efforts in combating trafficking in persons, in particular women, children and Venezuelan migrants, and effectively implementing the National Plan to Combat Trafficking in Persons.

Thailand also recommends Venezuela to continue its efforts to promote and protect human rights of its people by further strengthening coordination between relevant institutions and expanding channels of communication with civil society.

Thank you.

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