**Statement by the Delegation of Thailand**

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Mr. President,

Thailand recognized Sudan’s efforts in implementing the recommendations from the last UPR review despite many challenges.

Thailand welcomes Sudan’s positive steps in formulating policies and programmes to empower women. The constitutional document which has placed emphasis on women’s rights is notable. In this regard, Thailand recommends Sudan to expedite its ratification of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), and effectively implement a National Gender Equality Action Plan.

Thailand took note of the measures to prevent and mitigate the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the Sudanese, particularly people in vulnerable situations. Thailand recommends that Sudan continue to apply all necessary measures to protect the life and health of its citizens, and consider fully realizing Universal Health Coverage.

Thank you.

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