**Statement by the Delegation of Thailand**

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Mr. President,

Thailand welcomes the delegation of the Syrian Arab Republic to the third UPR cycle.

Thailand remains concerned about the deteriorating political, economic and social situation, particularly on human rights. Indiscriminate attacks against civilians and civilian infrastructure and violent incidents critically impacted access to humanitarian assistance and medical relief.

In this regard, Thailand recommends the Government of Syria to step up its efforts to ensure access to health services, in particular for women and children, and work with international community and partners to increase functionality and capacity of health-care facilities, especially in the context of COVID-19 pandemic.

While recognizing Syria’s commitments in safeguarding children’s well-being, Thailand recommends that Syria further strengthen its efforts, in particular through human rights education and awareness-raising campaigns, to protect children from violence of all kinds.

I thank you.

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