**Statement by the Delegation of Thailand**

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Mr. President,

Thailand welcomes the delegation of Timor-Leste to the third UPR cycle.

Thailand commends the efforts of Timor-Leste in ensuring the rights of persons with disabilities through the implementation of related policies and particularly the national action plan for persons with disabilities. We look forward to the establishment of a National Council for persons with disabilities to strengthen the policies implementation for the better protection of persons with disabilities. In this regard, Thailand recommends Timor-Leste to accelerate its ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities to effectively address the needs of persons with disabilities.

Thailand also recognized Timor-Leste’s commitment in tackling gender-based violence, through adopting the second National Action Plan on Gender-based Violence as well as the establishment of shelters in different municipalities to guarantee safety of and to provide training on livelihood skills to victims of gender-based violence. Thailand recommends Timor-Leste to intensify its efforts in addressing gender-based violence and to ensure that victims of gender-based violence receive adequate support and services.

I thank you.

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