**Statement by the Delegation of Thailand**

**at the Review of Tonga**

**during the 43rd Session of the Working Group on the UPR**

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Mr. President,

Thailand welcomes the progress made by Tonga in implementing the recommendations received from the previous UPR cycle.

Thailand recognizes the legal frameworks, policies and measures that Tonga has put in place to promote, protect and empower women, despite not yet being a State party to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW).

As one of the countries affected by climate-related risks, we welcome the commitment of Tonga to building and enhancing resilience to natural disasters and addressing the challenges of climate change.

In this connection, Thailand recommends that Tonga:

1. Step up its efforts in national process to consider ratifying the CEDAW; and

2. Further enhance the implementation of the Joint National Action Plan on Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management, and take appropriate measures to address specific needs of all persons, especially children, women, persons with disabilities and those living in remote areas.

We wish Tonga a successful review.

I thank you.

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