**Statement by the Delegation of Thailand**

**at the Review of Botswana**

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Mr. President,

Thailand commends Botswana for taking steps to strengthen the mandate of the Office of the Ombudsman.

In the spirit of constructive cooperation, Thailand recommends that Botswana:

1. Effectively enforce existing legislation to combat gender-based violence and implement preventive measures, as well as continuing its efforts in the empowerment of women and girls;

2. Continue efforts to integrate the provisions of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities into national legal framework; and

3. Expedite the accreditation process of the Office of the Ombudsman by the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions (GANHRI).

We wish Botswana a successful review.

I thank you.

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