**Statement by the Delegation of Thailand**

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Mr. President,

Thailand welcomes the delegation of Afghanistan.

We congratulate the successful conclusion of the Geneva Conference on Afghanistan last November and encourage Afghanistan to implement the Joint Communiqué, in order to achieve sustaining peace, security, prosperity and sustainable development.

Thailand applauds the Government of Afghanistan for its efforts in pursuing a peaceful negotiation with the Taliban to end the long conflicts. We also welcome progress since the second UPR, in particular the legal reform, the strengthening of human rights structures, and the promotion of human rights education.

Thailand recommends Afghanistan **to further promote the empowerment of women and the protection of their rights, through the effective enforcement of the Penal Code and the Elimination of Violence against Women Law, the prosecution of perpetrators of violence against women and the further promotion of women's participation in peace process and all spheres of society**.

We also recommend Afghanistan **to take appropriate measures to ensure birth registration of all children born in the country, in order to reduce the risk of statelessness.**

I thank you.

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