**Statement by the Delegation of Thailand**

**at the Review of Ethiopia**

**during the 33rd Session of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review**

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Mr. President,

Thailand welcomes the delegation of Ethiopia. We welcome the Government of Ethiopia’s ongoing efforts to introduce political, economic and socio-cultural reforms and measures to better promote and protect human rights, especially the incorporation of accepted UPR recommendations in the Second National Human Rights Action Plan and the establishment of the National Monitoring, Reporting and Follow up Mechanism.

While welcoming significant progress on women’s political participation, Thailand recommends Ethiopia **to further protect women’s rights by working to end all forms of violence against women and girls, including harmful traditional practices such as female genital mutilation, as well as promote women economic empowerment.**

We also recommend Ethiopia **to ensure the right to education for all children in the country, including children with disabilities and refugee and IDP children, and continue its efforts to improve quality of education, including by seriously implementing the Education Development Roadmap.**

I thank you.

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