**Statement by the Delegation of Thailand**

**Ms. Chalongkwan Tavarayuth**

**First Secretary**

**at the Review of Angola**

**during the 34th Session of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review**

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Mr. President,

Thailand welcomes the delegation of Angola. We commend the ratification of many international instruments, including CAT, ICERD and two conventions on statelessness and the development of the national human rights strategy for 2019-2022 which reflect the Angolan Government’s commitment to further promoting and protecting human rights of all people.

We note the efforts to address overcrowding prisons, we recommend Angola
**to take further measures to improve prison conditions through effective implementation of the UN Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners (Mandela Rules) and the UN Rules for the Treatment of Women Prisoners and Non-custodial Measures for Women Offenders (Bangkok Rules).**

Thailand also recommends Angola to **step up its efforts to promote freedom of the press, including by engaging with relevant stakeholders, particularly
the civil society and the press themselves, when enacting or revising relevant media laws.**

I thank you.

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