**Statement by the Delegation of Thailand**

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Mr. President,

Thailand commends the Government of Egypt’s efforts to better promote and protect human rights, including the strengthening of the National Council for Human Rights in line with the Paris Principles and the amendments of constitution to improve women’s rights and their political, economic, and social empowerment.

While welcoming progress on the rights of women, Thailand recommends Egypt **to further protect women’s rights by working to end all forms of violence against women and girls and addressing other persisting obstacles, such as social stigma and early marriage.**

We also recommend Egypt **to take measures to ensure access to justice and due process for all persons accused of criminal offences, including those relating to security and terrorism, such as access to a lawyer, and consular assistance,   
in case of foreign nationals.**

I thank you.

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