**Statement by the Delegation of Thailand**

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Mr. President,

Thailand takes note of the Government of Iran’s efforts to improve human rights situation, such as by granting citizenship to children born to Iranian mothers and foreign fathers, and permitting women to spectate international football matches. We also appreciate the longstanding generosity in hosting one of the largest and most protracted refugee populations and providing education and health care for these refugees.

Thailand hopes that positive progress made in the areas of gender equality will not only continue, but also be given due priority. We recommend Iran **to accelerate
its efforts to ensure equal treatment of women and girls, including by the ratification of the CEDAW.**

We also recommend Iran **to take necessary measures to address the high dropout rates of girls in rural schools,** which will help improve their own and families’ living conditions and eventually contribute to the development of the country.

I thank you.

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