**Statement by the Delegation of Thailand**

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**Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative**

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Mr. President,

Thailand welcomes the delegation of Spain. Thailand notes the effort of Spain in continuing to strengthen the cooperation with countries of origin, transit, and destination in dealing with irregular migration. We welcome the fifth Master Plan of the Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation that aims to encourage safe, orderly and regular migration and places human rights at the center.

While Spain’s organic law on Comprehensive Protection Measures against Gender-based Violence has been in effect for 15 years, we observe the growing number of gender-based violence during the past few years. Thailand therefore recommends Spain **to intensify the efforts to address gender-based violence, including by effective implementation of relevant policies by authorities concerned and by considering the inclusion of other forms of gender-based violence in the said law.**

To address persistent de facto discrimination against certain groups, such as persons of African descent, persons with disabilities, migrants, refugees and asylum seekers, we recommend Spain **to develop legislation and policies to punish and prevent hate crimes and discrimination as well as promote the respect of diversity in the society.**

I thank you.

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