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**Statement by
Ms. Eksiri Pintaruchi,
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“The situation of human rights in the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya”
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Mr. President,

I wish to begin by expressing our condolences to the peoples of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya for the tremendous losses due to the recent situation. We also thank the High Commissioner for her report.

Mr. President, one of the main responsibilities of the Human Rights Council is to react promptly to a situation that requires its urgent attention. Given the situation unfolding in Libya at the moment, the Special Session sends out a resounding message. It underscores not only the solidarity among us in term of our grave concern but also the unity of the Council and international community to act, to act now, and to act in a constructive manner.

Mr. President,

Thailand shares the concern of the international community regarding the paramount principle of responsibility to protect. It is incumbent upon the Libyan authorities to immediately refrain from use of force against civilians. We also stress the importance of the responsibility to maintain the rule of law and addressing all acts of impunity. We especially call on Libya to immediately address humanitarian needs by working with international organizations and international community.

We strongly urge the Libyan authorities to work with international community in investigating the alleged human rights violation. We also urge all sides to engage in an inclusive dialogue and reconciliation that would lead to a peaceful way forward and bring all Libyans together to overcome the present challenges

In this regard, Thailand shares the same views expressed earlier, particularly that of the OIC, the African Union as well as the statement by the High Commissioner for Human Rights, that an investigation should be immediately established to assess the human rights situation on the ground. All measures to restore the situation to normalcy should also be taken in order to prevent any future human rights violations and ensure the safe return of the displaced persons.

We therefore look forward to working with the Human Rights Council in adopting by consensus an outcome that focuses on the immediate situation as well as appropriate follow-up actions that underscore the grave concern we all share. Such an outcome must contribute in a timely and constructive way to help address and resolve the current situation in Libya.

Thank you, Mr. President

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