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Office of the Permanent Secretary,
Government house, Bangkok 10300.

5, November B.E.2556 (2013)

NHRCT's Observations and Recommendations towards Political Situation

Dear General Secretary of NHRCT;

Refer to NHRCT's chairperson's letter to Prime Minister, no. 0001/45 on 31, October B.E. 2556 (2013), Office of the Permanent Secretary submitted the letter to the Secretariat of the Prime Minister for consideration.

Please inform NHRCT's Chairperson

Regard,

(Mr. Sompas Nilapan)

Inspector General

Acting Permanent Secretary



No 0001 (1)/229

House of Representative,
Thanon U Thong Nai, Dusit, Bangkok 10300.

7,November B.E.2556 (2013)

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Dear NHRCT's Chairperson;

Refer to your letter to Speaker of the Parliament, no. 0001/46 on 31, October B.E. 2556 (2013), you had submitted NHRCT's observations and recommendations towards Political Situation for consideration of the members of house of representation.

Speaker of the Parliament already passed the observations and recommendations to the house of representative's whip and coalition opposition parties 'whip for consideration.

Regard,

(Mr. Prasob Budsarakum)
Speaker of the Parliament's secretray

No 0001 /45



National Human Rights Commission of Thailand,
Government Complex, Chaengwattana Road,
Laksi District, Bangkok 10210.

31,October B.E.2556 (2013)

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Dear Prime Minister;

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Your speech to the United Nations Human Rights Council at the twenty-fourth session of the General Assembly on 9, September B.E. 2556 (2013), Geneva, Switzerland, has particular value for protecting and promoting human rights. In brief, the speech mentioned that human rights were the key of democracy. We couldn't and must not accept any changes that contradict to democratic principles. It's everyone's duty to uphold democratic value by protecting people's rights and freedom. Moreover, democracy did not mean listening only to the majority but also to respect the voice of minorities.

As the National Human Rights Institution, National Human Rights Commission of Thailand (NHRCT) deeply concerns on the current political and sensitive situation in Thailand. Since the occurrence of political conflict, social disintegration and legal violation, people which are the significant part of the country and their rights are at risk from being violated. The widely debate on the content and enactment processes of the blanket reprieve amnesty bill which divide into those who pro and against, potentially increase the social violence and have impact on violating rule of law and good governance which are the main factors for maintaining human rights as well as democracy. The content of the bill that doesn't punish those who intentionally do serious crime, will lead to repeatedly violate human rights in the future.

Accordingly, NHRCT would like to give Prime Minister, Speaker of Parliament, Cabinet, Member of Parliament and Member of Senate the recommendations and observations as the followings:

1. The consideration of drafted bill in the parliament should be based on the principles of rule of law, good governance and human rights particularly those that comply with the purpose of International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and that be written in the UN Principles for the Protection and Promotion of Human Rights Through Action to Combat Impunity. Thus, the enactment of such sensitive bill should be done through the people - participatory approach.

2. It needs to consider the safety of people who are not political leaders and their rights are violated, regardless whether they are pro or against the amnesty bill. This includes rights related to judicial processes including being subjected to arrest, detention, temporary release or imprisonment for the reason that they have different political opinions.

For the realization of the importance of those things, NHRCT would like to ask you to conform to the principles of rule of law, good governance, human rights and democratic government with the King as head of the State. Significantly, the Government must not solve the problem by treating people violently. Thank you for your attention to our concern.

Respectfully

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