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PERMANENT MISSION OF THAILAND
GENEVA

25 May 2012

Dear Mr. La Rue, Mr. Grover and Mr. Méndez

Further to the letter of the Permanent Mission of Thailand No. 52101/224 dated 4 April 2012 sending clarification in response to your joint communication on the cases of Mr. Amphon Tangnoppakul and Ms. Daranee Charnchoengskilpakul, I have the honour to forward herewith additional clarifications addressing your concerns on these two cases.

It is our hope that the clarification will provide information on the issues raised in your joint communication. Particularly in the case of Mr. Tangnoppakul, the Royal Thai Government is deeply saddened by his death. Indeed it is regrettable that certain individuals or groups have made attempts to use his death to gain publicity for their own political gains.

I also take this opportunity to highlight that the lèse-majesté law is part of Thailand's Criminal Code, which also contains general provisions on defamation and libel of private individuals. The law gives protection to the rights or reputation

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of the King, the Queen, the Heir-Apparent, or the Regent in a similar way libel law does for commoners. Its aim should not be misinterpreted as curbing people's rights to freedom of opinion and expression nor the legitimate exercise of academic freedom including debates about the monarchy as an institution.

Lastly, the Permanent Mission of Thailand stands ready to continue our engagement on the issue of lèse-majesté law with all relevant Special Procedures mandate holders.

Sincerely yours,



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