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Dear Mr. Sow, Mr. Bustamante and Mr. Méndez,

I wish to refer to your communication dated 15 February 2011 informing the Royal Thai Government about the case of Mr. Charlie Diyu, a migrant worker from Myanmar who suffered from injuries at a construction site in Pathum Thani province. The Permanent Mission has duly forwarded the matter to the concerned authorities in Thailand for further examination.

While we are awaiting specific information in response to your questions, I am pleased to inform you that Mr. Diyu has already been released from the Police General Hospital and his condition has significantly improved. Moreover, many of the concerns raised in your communication have already been addressed. For example, the Immigration Police Bureau ordered a release from his shackles on 4 February 2011 during his stay at the Police General Hospital and issued him compensation. At the same time, Mr. Diyu has also received remedies from both relevant state agencies and Charoen Pokphand company, which hired Mr. Diyu's employer for the construction.

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Chair-Rapporteur of the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention;

Mr. Jorge Bustamante,

Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants;

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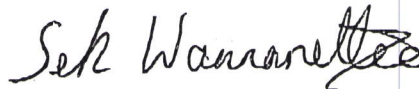
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In particular, the medical expenses at the Police Hospital were covered by the Workmen's Compensation Fund of the Social Security Office. His work permit, which expired on 20 January 2011, was also renewed, allowing him to continue receiving medical care and to work in the country.

The Permanent Mission of Thailand will further convey any relevant information to you as soon as it is received. I also wish to take this opportunity to reaffirm with all of you that the Royal Thai Government remains actively engaged with all stakeholders to overcome the challenges arising from the large flow of migrant workers – both legal and illegal. The Government has been working hard to not only regularize the flows but also to accord their appropriate rights under our legislation.

Lastly, please rest assured of our commitment to working with all relevant special procedures of the Human Rights Council to promote and protect rights of migrant workers under our international obligations.

Sincerely yours,



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