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Dear Sirs and Madams,

With reference to your communication dated 25 February 2016 on the alleged violation of migrant workers' human rights in the Thai poultry industry, I wish to inform you that the Permanent Mission of Thailand has already forwarded your letter to the Thai authorities concerned for their consideration and will send you further information and clarification on this matter as soon as it is received.

In the meantime, I wish to reassure you that the Royal Thai Government spares no effort to promote and protect the rights of all migrant workers in Thailand. The relevant Thai authorities have been working hard and remain actively engaged with all stakeholders to overcome the challenges arising from the large flow of migrant workers - both legal and illegal not only to regularize the flows but also to accord their appropriate rights under our national legislation and in accordance with our international obligations.

In reiterating Thailand's continued commitment to cooperating with all Special Procedures of the Human Rights Council in order to promote and protect the human rights of migrant workers, I remain

Yours sincerely,

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