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Dear Ms. Shahinian, Mr. Bustamante and Ms. Ezeilo,

I wish to refer to your communication dated 15 February 2011 informing the Royal Thai Government about the case involving alleged trafficking of Mr. Kyaw Kyaw, a migrant worker from Myanmar. The Permanent Mission has duly forwarded the matter to the concerned authorities in Thailand for further examination.

While we are awaiting information in response to your specific questions, I wish to address some of the concerns raised in the communication. As all of you are aware, Thailand has faced significant challenges, as both a transit and destination country for migrants, owing to the social and economic disparities that exist with some of its neighbors, from which over 2 million migrant workers in Thailand originate. To overcome such challenges, the Royal Thai Government has implemented a number of labor legislation and policies in order to promote and protect the rights of migrant workers.

Among other measures, the Government has undertaken a registration system which will entitle all registered migrant workers with work permits to the same rights as Thai workers. Migrant workers are also entitled to protection from abuse by their employers under the 2008 Employment of Aliens Act which imposes heavier penalties on employers who engaged in human trafficking and forced labor.

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