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PERMANENT MISSION OF THAILAND GENEVA

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Dear Sirs and Madam,

With reference to the Joint Communication ref. AL THA 2/2022 dated 22 July 2022 concerning the imminent threat to the life and security of Mr. Faraz Pervaiz, I have the honour to transmit, as attached hereto, the response from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, which was based on the information received from the Royal Thai Police. I hope that the response will provide the Special Procedures clarification of the alleged case.

In reassuring you of Thailand's continued commitment to cooperating with all Special Procedures under the Human Rights Council to promote and protect human rights for all, I remain.

Yours sincerely,

(Suphatra Srimaitreephithak)
Ambassador and Permanent Representative

Mr. Ahmed Shaheed,

Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief;

Mr. Mumba Malila.

Vice-Chair of the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention;

Ms. Irene Khan,

Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression;

Mr. Felipe González Morales,

Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants;

Mr. Fernand de Varennes,

Special Rapporteur on minority issues,

Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights,

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Thailand's response to the Joint Communication from Special Procedures ref. AL THA 2/2022 dated 22 July 2022

- Freedom of religion or belief is guaranteed under the Constitution of Thailand and Thailand is committed to continuing to ensure that everyone enjoys liberty to profess a religion and exercise or practice a form of worship in accordance with one's religious principles.
- Thailand's Penal Code criminalises offences against body as well as offence of putting
 a person in fear by threat. According to official records, no police report has been filed
 in relation to the alleged death threats and physical assaults against Mr. Faraz Pervaiz.
- Regarding Mr. Faraz Pervaiz's immigration status and question concerning possible deportation process, the Royal Thai Government would like to inform that all foreign nationals entering Thailand are subject to Thai immigration law and regulations. While relevant Thai agencies have responsibility to enforce domestic law, they also take into account relevant international obligations including those concerning human rights and humanitarian principles. So far, there has been no official record of Mr. Pervaiz's violations of Thai laws and regulations as referred to in the Joint Communication.
