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Excellencies, the Minister and the representatives of International Organizations, involved government organizations, representatives of civil society, distinguished participants, colleagues and friends,

It is my great pleasure to convey the message to this important event, on behalf of the Chairperson of the National Human Rights Commission of Thailand, Professor Amara, would like to convey an apology for her absence from this event due to an engagement with the mission of ASEAN NHRI Forum in

Indonesia. We - the National Human Rights Commission of Thailand - extremely agree with the movement for the nomination of the representative of Thailand to be presented as a Member of the United Nation Human Rights Council, serving in the official term starting from 2010 – 2013, with the supporting significant reasons on the principles pertaining the social movement in Thailand during the last decade to encourage and bring about the strong society with the awareness of civilian recognition and people's participation to monitor the exercise of powers of the State, as if:

1. The active engagement of civil societies and academics pertaining the participation and inquiries on the cases of involuntary repatriations of Hmong Lao (Laotian Hmong), Karen and Rohinya, on the ground of the principles on rights and security; the safeguarding and guarantee of right to life – as one of the non-derogable rights according to several Human Rights Treaties and Principles; the principle of non-refoulement with the respect and the consent of displaced persons; and the Guiding Principles on Displacement;
2. The strong movement and urge pertaining the community rights of the eastern people's network against the Maptapud Industrial Zone, that aims to balance the investment on economy and the harmony of the economy on community's culture, livelihood and environment with the industrial capital --- which focusing on the clean industrial undertaking the full cooperative social responsibility.
3. The struggle on the civil and political rights of people towards the democratic development, of course not only for voting and nominating the representatives, but it should be the democracy without dictatorial leadership in the parliamentary system or without the capitalism dictatorship, that will cause not only the grave human rights violations in the policy levels as well as the affect on the life and security of people in general, but it shall lead to the massive corruptions, particularly in the policies and structural systems which relating to the conflict of interests between the politics and businesses;
4. Or even the situations in the Deep South, the work of civil society on the close monitoring towards the government agencies, officials, polices, military and ruling governors shall illustrate and confirm the powers and significance of civil society pertaining the participation with the implementation of the government agencies and relevant state authorities in order to encourage them to understand and act in compliance with the principles on human rights and human dignity, the acceptance of cultural diversity, as well as the amendment and improvement on the policies in relation with the situation in the Deep South.

As regards the above mentioned reasons and situations, the National Human Rights Commission of Thailand understands that the engagement of the nomination process for a representative of Thailand to be a Member of the United Nations Human Rights Council, acting in the years 2010-2013, is not only responding to the implementation of the State and international agencies in pursuance of the Human Rights Treaties, but it is reflecting the political process and the strong commitment of the world which – of course - which promote and protect human rights in Thai society and shall justify the roles of responsibilities and engagements of civil society and political sectors towards people in the state authority within the democratic regime – which shall maintain the rights and privileges of people covering the spectrum of rights pertaining the economic, social and political rights as well as the civil and political rights in compliance with the rights, liberty and equity with security and sustainability.

Thank you.