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His Excellency Mr Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations
United Nations Headquarters
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Excellency,

We are writing to inform you of the on-going political conflict and the undemocratic endeavors in Thailand. The root cause of the conflict arises from the fact that the wills of the Thai people expressed during the free and fair election are not respected by the “conservatives and anti-democracy movement” in Thai society. Several groups have been acting in concert to topple the democratically elected government led by Miss Yingluck Shinawatra from Phue Thai Party and freeze the next general election. The government led by Miss Yingluck was forced to dissolve the Parliament on December 9, 2013 after key members of the Democrat Party, the main opposition party, resigned en masse to launch street protest and set up anti-government protest in the name of the People's Democratic Reform Committee (PDRC). After the Parliament had been dissolved, the general election date was set and held on February 2, 2014. Over 53 political parties, including Phue Thai Party contested the election but the Democrat Party led by Mr. Abhisit Vejjajiva, former Prime Minister boycotted the election for the second time under his leadership. He first boycotted the election in 2006 which was declared void later.

The PDRC led by Mr. Suthep Thaugsuban, former Secretary General of the Democrat Party, demands that 1) Prime Minister Yingluck resign from a caretaking Prime Minister so that a neutral person can be appointed as Prime Minister and 2) the “People Council” be set up. The members of the People Council will be undemocratically appointed by Mr. Suthep to implement reform in several areas for 1-2 years before the next election can be held. The PDRC is campaigning that the reform must be completed before election. In effect, their demands are undemocratic and the reform is just a disguise to acquire power without going through the election. They want to freeze Thailand for their own vested interests.

The PDRC claim that the protesters adhere to non-violent civil disobedience but the reality is the opposite. In fact, the protesters have used war weapon such as M16 assault rifle during the protest and committed violence such as trespassing, seizing and locking up government buildings, intimidating civil servants, blocking public road and threatening the media to report the news as demanded. Most seriously, the PDRC blocked and prevent candidates in 28 constituencies in the southern provinces of Thailand from filing their application to contest the election. During the advanced election on January 26th, the PDRC supporters were trying to disrupt the advanced election by taking a number of criminal actions including, among others, closing the doors of several polling stations by chains, forbidding voters to enter or depart the polling premises, and threatening to use force and inflict bodily harm, all with the view to prevent voters from exercising their democratic rights. Such actions are criminal offences and violate both the Constitution and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Despite the election had been completed in 88% of the constituencies and over 20 million voters turned out to vote on February 2nd, the Constitutional Court, on March 21, 2014, ruled

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by 6 to 3 that the election is void as the 28 constituencies have no candidates and to complete the election in those constituencies will mean that the general election date is not the same date (February 2nd) for all constituencies. This decision is clearly unconstitutional as the Court cannot, under section 245(1) of the Constitution admit the petition submitted by the Ombudsman. Moreover, the reason why voting cannot be held in 28 constituencies on February 2, 2014 is due to the criminal and violent obstruction by the PDRC supporters. The decision has set bad and damaging precedent that 20 million voters lost their fundamental rights as a result of criminal actions of a few hundred protestors which clearly support the political party opposite Phue Thai Party. The criminal simply benefits from their crime.

The nullification of the election is clearly unconstitutional and undemocratic. It infringes on human rights of the vast majority of Thai people. But this is just a tip of an iceberg. There has been unrelenting efforts by several groups and organizations that act in concert and conspire to get rid of our side and Yingluck's government since 2005. In 2006, our opponents resorted to military coup to topple democratically elected government led by Dr Thaksin Shinawatra and put in place the undemocratic 2007 Constitution. After the coup, Thai Rak Thai Party was disbanded in 2007. Mr Samak Sundaravej was brought down from being the Prime Minister in 2008 just because of his appearance on TV cooking show. The succeeding People Power Party was disbanded in 2008. Recently, our attempt to amend the 2007 Constitution to make it more democratic has been blocked. For instance, the voting of Members of Parliament to amend the Constitution to provide that all senators be elected has been ruled unconstitutional by the Constitutional Court and those who voted for the amendment will be impeached despite the clear provisions in the Constitution that voting in Parliament is absolutely privileged. The independent organ under the Constitution such as the National Counter Corruption Commission is quickly investigating and press charge against Prime Minister Yingluck within 21 days, while the investigation on case against former Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva has made no progress after 5 years have passed. This is just one of countless instances of double standard and injustice we have endured. It appears that the vicious circle took place in 2006 is now repeating itself. Will the so-called "judicial coup" be brought back? Never before has the provision of the Constitution been so unlawfully and without legal basis applied in cases against our side.

By this letter, we, members of Phue Thai Party, wish to keep you informed of the alarming political development in Thailand and the violations of laws and infringement of human rights by the privileged conspirators and privileged anti-government protesters. Please be informed that the conservatives and anti-democracy conspirators have destroyed democracy and the rule of law. Several decisions of the Constitutional Court and the independent organs under the Constitution are unlawful, undemocratic and unjust. We appeal to you to monitor the situations in Thailand closely to prevent and condemn the undemocratic conspiracy and to support free and fair election in Thailand so that process of democratization in Thailand continues and 65 million Thais can determine the course of their future to ensure that Thailand remains a strong member of the UN and global community.

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.



Noppadon Pattama
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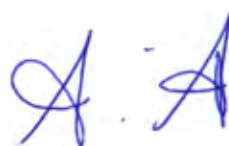
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