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Subject: Updated information regarding the safety of journalists

Dear Mr. Canela,

Kindly refer to your letter Ref.: CI/FEJ/2021/12 dated 23 March 2021, requesting Thailand to update the information regarding the safety of journalists and the issue of impunity crimes committed against them by informing the status of legal investigations being conducted into the unresolved cases and providing “actions taken by our country to promote the safety of journalists and to combat impunity, including action taken to monitor and tackle gender-specific risks, as a way to share good practices” which is in line with the 2018 IPDC Decision on the Safety of Journalists and the Issue of Impunity and the General Conference Resolutions.

The Thai National Commission for UNESCO would like to inform you that, in an effort to promote safety of journalists and combat impunity, a study on “Anti-Strategic Litigation Against Public Participation (SLAPP) Laws and related measures” has been conducting, since September 2020, by the Rights and Liberties Protection Department (RLPD) of the Ministry of Justice, in cooperation with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) aiming to gather public opinions and recommendations to further develop Anti-SLAPP measures in Thailand as well as promoting the safety of journalists.

In addition, remedies for journalists who were injured during in the protests or by any incidents are also provided through a number of mechanisms and laws, such as the Justice Fund, the Damages for Injured Persons and Compensation and Expenses for the Accused in Criminal Cases Act, B.E. 2554 (2001), and its second amendment, B.E. 2559 (2016), among others. The visit to the injured reporters is constantly occurred as well to raise awareness about the support that is available for journalists who are wrongfully harmed or injured in the field in the conduct of their work.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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