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**Subject: The Safety of Journalists in Thailand**

Dear Ms. Coudray,

May I refer to your letter of February 21, 2017, requesting Thailand report actions regarding the safety of journalists and the issue of impunity in Thailand. Your request is consistent with the 2016 IPDC decision on the safety of journalists.

Accordingly, the Thai National Commission for UNESCO is pleased to inform you that Thailand is committed to advancing freedom of the press and safety of journalists through a variety of actions pursuant to and consistent with the UN Plan of Action on the Safety of Journalists. The Thai Government has called for a serious and transparent investigation into any journalist's murder or injury occurring during the political unrest in Thailand during between 2004 and 2010.

**With regard to Mr. Hiroyuki Muramoto from Reuters**, the Thai Government provided assistance, through the Embassy of Japan in Bangkok, to his family on 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2012. The matter has not yet been finalized and formal legal proceedings are still in progress in the Bangkok South Criminal Court.

**With regard to the Italian photographers, Mr. Fabio Polenghi and Ms. Elisabetta Polenghi, his sister**, the Thai Government provided financial assistance (approximately USD 219,093) on May 24, 2012. Mr. Polenghi's case also falls within the jurisdiction of the Bangkok South Criminal Court, and has not yet been finalized.

Please also be informed that we are always pleased to cooperate with UNESCO to ensure the safety of journalists. We also have no objection to this information being disseminated on your website.

Yours sincerely,

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