



STATEMENT OF UNITED NATIONS COUNTRY TEAM IN THAILAND

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The United Nations Country Team (UNCT) in Thailand, concerned by the growing number of violent incidents and saddened by the loss of life and persons injured as a result of political confrontation, calls on all sides to renounce all forms of violence. The UNCT in Thailand encourages all parties to respect people's freedom of peaceful assembly and expression, the right to *"take part in the conduct of public affairs"* and *"to vote and be elected at genuine periodic elections"*, in line with Thailand's commitments under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

The UNCT acknowledges the difficult and complex issues the country is facing and emphasises the need to build genuine consensus around key reform issues in an inclusive and informed manner.