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Excellency,

I refer to your letter of 17 November 2015 and to the information provided in response to the Committee's letter of 15 May 2015 concerning allegations of intimidation of members of the Malayu Thai civil society organizations as well as the collection of DNA samples by security forces from Malayu Thai students living in the southern border provinces of the your country, reportedly for reasons connected to their ethnicity.

The Committee would like to thank your Government for its response and takes note of its contents.

In accordance with Article 9(1) of the Convention and Article 65 of its Rules of Procedure, the Committee urges the State party to submit its fourth to seventh periodic reports which are due on 28 January 2016. The Committee requests the State party to specifically address the issues mentioned above including the effective implementation of measures to monitor the enforcement of special counter-insurgency legislation in accordance with human rights standards; to protect Malayu Thai civil society organizations from intimidation and harassment and; to investigate on any allegation of discriminatory collection of DNA samples based on ethnicity. The Committee also requests the State party to provide further information on steps taken to implement paragraphs 21 of its concluding observations on Thailand (CERD/C/THA/CO/1-3) adopted on 24 August 2012. The Committee would like to inform your Government that it will discuss these issues further in the context of the consideration of these forthcoming periodic reports.

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Allow me, Excellency, to reaffirm the wish of the Committee to continue to engage in a constructive dialogue with the Government of Thailand, with a view to assisting it with the effective implementation of the Convention.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "José Francisco Calí Tzay".

José Francisco Calí Tzay
Chair
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