**From: place, date:**

 **To:**
Ministerpräsident
Prayut Chan-O-Cha
Office of the Prime Minister
Pitsanulok road
Bangkok 10300
THAILAND

**Concerning the Charges against 17 Defendants**

Dear Prime Minister,

I write to urge that your government immediately drop charges against the following 17 individuals - **Apiwat Suntararak, Apisit Sapnapapan, Chonthicha Jangrew, Jatupat Boonpattararaksa, Payu Boonsopon, Panupong Srithananuwat, Pakorn Areekul, Pornchai Yuanyee, Ratthapol Supasopon, Rangsiman Rome, Songtham Kaewpanpruk, Suhaimee Dulasa, Supachai Pukrongploy, Suvicha Tipangkorn, Thanathorn Juangroongruangkit, Wasant Sadesit** and **Worawut Butrmatr** - brought solely because of their participation in a peaceful assembly on 24 June 2015 outside Pathumwan police station in Bangkok.

While your administration has lifted a number of sweeping restrictions imposed on a range of human rights, authorities continue to judicially harass and intimidate critics and political opponents, and criminalise the exercise of the rights to peaceful assembly and freedom of expression.

**In line with Thailand’s obligations under international human rights law, I urge you to immediately and unconditionally drop charges against these and all other individuals solely for exercising their rights to peaceful assembly and freedom of expression.**

Yours sincerely,