



**EUROPEAN UNION**  
**DELEGATION TO THAILAND**

## ***Press Release***

### **Local EU Statement**

#### ***The European Union Delegation issues the following statement in agreement with the EU Heads of Mission in Thailand***

Bangkok, 24 September 2015 – The EU Delegation reaffirms the EU's strong commitment to the Thai people with whom the EU has strong and longstanding political, economic and cultural ties and people to people contacts. As a friend and partner of Thailand, the EU has repeatedly called for the democratic process to be restored.

At a time when the drafting process of a new constitution is starting, the EU Delegation again calls upon the Thai government to respect freedom of speech and assembly. Only a full and free public debate in which also critical voices can be heard will allow for true reform and reconciliation.

The EU Delegation believes that the rule of law and the protection and promotion of human rights are crucial elements for stability and progress and calls upon the Thai authorities to abide by Thailand's obligations under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights."

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