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STATEMENT

by the Spokesperson on the announcement of general elections in Thailand

Today's Royal Decree enabling general elections to be held in Thailand and the Election Commission's subsequent announcement of 24 March as the election date are important steps towards restoring democracy in Thailand.

Considering the lifting of restrictions placed on political activities last month as a positive starting point, we look forward to an open and peaceful election campaign, in which the freedom of expression needed for a democratic process is ensured.

We expect credible, competitive and inclusive elections with a level playing field for all parties, followed by the appointment of a democratically elected civilian government.

The European Union stands ready to continue to support Thailand's return to a democratic form of governance.

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