

**PROHIBITION OF INCITEMENT TO NATIONAL, RACIAL OR
RELIGIOUS HATRED IN ACCORDANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL
HUMAN RIGHTS LAW**

EXPERT SEMINAR FOR ASIA PACIFIC

**Organized by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights
at the United Nations Conference Center (Bangkok, Thailand)**

6 and 7 July 2011



INFORMATION NOTE FOR PARTICIPANTS

I. Background and objectives of the expert workshop

1. In follow-up to its 2008 Expert Seminar on the links between articles 19 and 20 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) with regard to freedom of expression and incitement to hatred, the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) will organize a series of expert workshops on the prohibition of incitement to national, racial or religious hatred which will explore legislative patterns, judicial practices and policies in this regard.

2. By grounding the debate around incitement to hatred in international human rights law, the objective of the series of expert workshops is to gain a better understanding of legislative patterns, judicial practices and policies in the different regions of the world with regard to the concept of incitement to national, racial, or

religious hatred, while ensuring full respect for freedom of expression as outlined in articles 19 and 20 of the ICCPR; to arrive at a comprehensive assessment of the state of implementation of this prohibition of incitement in conformity with international human rights law; and to identify possible actions at all levels.

3. Four workshops will be held throughout 2011 starting with the event for the European region, in Vienna from 9-10 February 2011. The following workshops will be for the African region (Nairobi, 6-7 April 2011), the Asia Pacific region (Bangkok, 6-7 July 2011) and the Americas region (Santiago de Chile, 12-13 October 2011).

II. Expert-driven nature of the event

4. A number of experts have been invited by OHCHR to participate in the workshop and have been requested to prepare background papers on the topics of the seminar. These papers come in addition to a commissioned study regarding relevant legislation, examples of jurisprudence and different types of policies in the countries of the region.

5. Each session of the expert workshop will begin with the presentation of background papers prepared by the experts. Each expert will speak for 10 to 15 minutes after which a discussion among expert will ensue. Subsequently the floor will be given to observers to make comments and ask questions to the experts.

6. Member States, United Nations departments and programmes, specialized agencies, intergovernmental and regional organizations, civil society organizations and national human rights institutions are invited to participate in the expert workshop as observers. Expertise on the subject matter is highly recommended for those who may wish to attend the workshop as observer.

III. Provisional agenda for and outcome of the expert workshop

7. A provisional programme of work containing the themes and specific topics to be considered at the expert workshop is available at the following internet address: http://www2.ohchr.org/english/issues/opinion/articles1920_iccpr/

8. The outcome of the expert workshops will be a report reflecting the discussions and suggestions made during each workshop and, as addendum, the expert papers prepared for the various events.

IV. Date, time, venue, languages

9. The expert workshop will be held on 6 and 7 July 2011. The morning sessions will start at 9:30 a.m. and end at 12:30 p.m. The afternoon sessions will start at 2:00 p.m. and end at 5:00 p.m. The seminar will take place at the United Nations Conference Center (UNCC), in Conference Room 3.

10. The meeting will be held in English only.

V. Visa requirements

11. Citizens of certain countries do not require visas to enter Thailand whereas citizens of other countries either need to obtain visas prior to departure or may purchase visas upon arrival. It is therefore advised that you contact the nearest Embassy of Thailand as soon as possible in order to ascertain which visa requirements are applicable to your situation. Please see Annex 2 for further information.

VI. Registration

12. A registration form can be found on the above mentioned website (see under point 7). Participants are requested to register in advance, and at the latest by **Friday, 1 July 2011**. Please send the completed registration form to OHCHR on article20ICCPR@ohchr.org. Delegations of States, international and non-governmental organizations and other organizations participating should have no more than three persons representing their organization and are expected to cover their own expenses related to participation.

13. Participants are requested to register and obtain meeting badges at the registration counter, located on the ground floor, UNCC on the opening day of the event. Participants are requested to do so upon their arrival at UNCC before going to the conference room. Only the names of duly registered participants will be included in the list of participants.

VII. Documentation

14. The papers prepared by the experts as well as the background study commissioned by OHCHR will be available at the workshop. These documents will also be accessible ahead of the event on the following website: http://www2.ohchr.org/english/issues/opinion/articles1920_iccpr/

15. Written contributions by observers are also welcome. Since reproduction capacity will be limited, observers are requested to bring with them an appropriate number of copies of the documents that they wish to make available to the meeting. Documents for circulation or distribution at the session should be handed to the conference room officer. In accordance with United Nations regulations on the control and limitation of documentation, the secretariat cannot undertake to process and/or reproduce documents or a statement submitted by individual delegations, unless following specific decision to that effect and after approval of the financial implications thereof.

VIII. Accommodation

16. Please note that all participants, including expert panelists, will need to directly make their own hotel reservations. In Annex 1 you will find a list of hotels offering special UN rates.

IX. Health and vaccination

17. Upon arrival at the port of entry in the Kingdom of Thailand, the participants who have traveled from or through the countries which have been declared Yellow

Fever Infected Areas must provide an International Health Certificate proving that they have received a Yellow Fever vaccination.

18. As for those nationals of the countries listed below who have not traveled from/through those countries, such a certificate is not required. However, they should possess concrete evidence showing that their domicile is not in an infected area so as to prevent unnecessary inconvenience.

19. Following are the countries which are declared Yellow Fever Infected Areas:

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| 1. Angola | 24. Guyana |
| 2. Argentina | 25. Kenya |
| 3. Bolivia | 26. Liberia |
| 4. Brazil | 27. Mali |
| 5. Benin | 28. Mauritania |
| 6. Burundi | 29. Niger |
| 7. Burkina Faso | 30. Nigeria |
| 8. Cameroon | 31. Panama |
| 9. Central Africa | 32. Paraguay |
| 10. Chad | 33. Peru |
| 11. Columbia | 34. Rwanda |
| 12. Congo Republic | 35. Sao Tome & Principe |
| 13. Cote d'Ivoire | 36. Senegal |
| 14. Democratic Republic of Congo | 37. Sierra Leone |
| 15. Ecuador | 38. Somalia |
| 16. Ethiopia | 39. Sudan |
| 17. Equatorial Guinea | 40. Suriname |
| 18. French Guiana | 41. Tanzania |
| 19. Gabon | 42. Togo |
| 20. Gambia | 43. Trinidad & Tobago |
| 21. Ghana | 44. Uganda |
| 22. Guinea | 45. Venezuela |
| 23. Guinea Bissau | |

20. First-aid and emergency medical service is available at the Medical Centre, fourth floor, Service Building, during weekdays. The ESCAP Medical Officer and Nurse are available from 07:30 to 15:45 hours, with the exception of lunch hour from 12:00 to 12:45 hours. Appointments may be made through extensions 1352 or 1353.

21. The United Nations buildings are smoke-free areas. Smoking is permitted only in the designated areas outside of the buildings

X. Weather

22. The weather in Bangkok is usually warm and humid. Light tropical clothing would be appropriate. The conference rooms where the meetings are to be held are air-conditioned and the temperature is maintained in the range of 23-24 degrees Celsius (73-75 degrees Fahrenheit).

XI. Transport from/to airport and to attend sessions

23. Participants should make their own transportation arrangements from Suvarnabhumi Airport to their respective hotels. Limousine, metered-taxi and bus services are readily available at the airport. Detailed information about Suvarnabhumi Airport can be found at <http://www.airportsuvarnabhumi.com>. Please note that the Don Muang Airport, the former Bangkok International Airport, currently handles domestic flights only.

24. To avail themselves of the limousines and public metered-taxis services as indicated above, **it is strongly recommended that participants contact only the authorized officials at the counters located in the airport arrival zone.** The officials, upon contact, will issue a ticket for the assignment of either a limousine or a public metered-taxi for transporting passengers to the desired destination. Participants may access public taxi counters by exiting gates 3 or 9 of the arrival zone in Survarnabhumi Airport. In addition to toll fees, there is a 50 Baht surcharge to be added to the meter charge from airport to the city.

25. Most hotels indicated in Annex 1 provide complimentary transport, according to fixed schedules, between the hotels and UNCC. Otherwise, participants would have to make their own transport arrangements for attending meetings.

XII. Services available at the United Nations Conference Center (UNCC)

26. Postal services: Postal services are available at the Post Office, United Nations Branch, located on the ground floor of the UNCC. It is open from 08:00 to 16:00 hours, Monday through Friday. The Post Office can be contacted at extensions 1260 and 2114.

27. Banks: Banking services are available at the Siam Commercial Bank, United Nations Branch, located on the first floor of the Service Building, from 08:30 to 15:30 hours during weekdays. The bank can be contacted at extensions 2168 and 2169.

28. Catering services: Catering services are available at the Cafeteria, which is located on level 1 of the UNCC, from 11:00 to 14:00 hours. Rajapruek Lounge, located on the ground floor of the UNCC, is open from 07:00 to 17:00 hours on Monday through Thursday, and from 07:00 to 19:00 hours on Friday. The Canteen on the ground floor of the Service Building is open from 07:00 to 13:00 hours. In addition, a Coffee Corner serving sandwiches, pastries, coffee/tea and soft drinks, located on level 1, UNCC, is open from 07:00 to 17:00 hours.

29. Travel services: American Express Travel Office is located on the first floor, Service Building, next to the Siam Commercial Bank which is open from 08:00 to 16:30 hours on weekdays. AMEX Office can be contacted at extensions 2820, 2821, 2822, 2823, 2824.

30. Internet: Eight PCs with high-speed Internet connection are available in the UNCC Internet Café on level 1, UNCC, for the use of participants free of charge. In addition, free wireless internet access is also available in all conference and meeting rooms and public areas of the UNCC.

31. Library: ESCAP Library facilities are available on the first floor, Service Building from 07:30 to 16:00 hours, Monday through Friday. For details on the use of the ESCAP Library facilities, please consult the staff on duty at the Library

XIII. Inquiries

32. For further information, please contact:

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ANNEX 1: Hotel Accommodation

The following hotels have been designated as recommended hotels for which the room rates indicated below are inclusive of service charge and value added tax and are relatively close to UNCC.

Name and address	Driving distance to UNCC (minutes)	Room type	Room rates (Baht)	
			Single	Double
Amari Watergate Hotel and Spa (★★★★★) 847 Petchburi Road, Bangkok Tel: (662) 653-9000 Fax: (662) 653-9045 E-mail: kanokwan.t@watergate.amari.com <i>Contact person:</i> Mr. Khajohnsak Ngiempaisal	20-30	Deluxe Round trip from hotel to UNCC	2,800 ^a 3,500 ^{a/b}	3,000 ^a 4,000 ^{a/b}
Royal Princess Hotel (★★★★) 269 Larnluang Road, Bangkok Tel: (662) 281-3088 Fax: (662) 280-1314 E-mail: rsvn@royalprincesslarnluang.com bussara@royalprincesslarnluang.com <i>Contact person:</i> Ms. Bussara Luilao	5-10 (closest to UN ESCAP)	Superior Deluxe Suite 1 bedroom	2,500 ^{a/b/c} 2,800 ^{a/b/c} 7,000 ^{a/b/c}	2,700 ^{a/b/c} 3,000 ^{a/b/c} 7,500 ^{a/b/c}
Grand China Princess (★★★★) 215 Yaowarat Road, Bangkok Tel: (662) 224-9977, (662) 224-7997 Fax: (662) 224-7999 E-mail: sale@grandchina.com <i>Contact person:</i> Ms. Phet-Anong Naksuthi	15-20	Deluxe	2,500 ^{a/b}	2,700 ^{a/b}

Name and address	Driving distance to UNCC (minutes)	Room type	Room rates (Baht)	
			Single	Double
Prince Palace Hotel (★★★★) 488/800 Bo Bae Tower Damrongrak Road, Klong Mahanak Bangkok Tel: (662) 628-1111 Fax: (662) 628-1000 E-mail: reservation@princepalace.co.th <i>Contact person:</i> Ms. Siriporn Pinitsub	10-15	Superior	1,700 ^{a/b}	1,900 ^{a/b}
Pullman Hotel and Resort (★★★★★) 8 Rangnam Road, Kweang Thanon-Phayathai Rachathewi, Bangkok Tel: (662) 680-9999 Fax: (662) 680-9998 Email: rsvnmgr@pullmanbangkokkingpower.com <i>Contact person:</i> Ms. Thanyadar Komolsiripakdee	20-25	Superior Deluxe Executive Executive suite	2,800 ^{a/c} 3,800 ^{a/c} 4,800 ^{a/c} 5,800 ^{a/c}	3,000 ^{a/c} 4,000 ^{a/c} 5,000 ^{a/c} 6,000 ^{a/c}
Siam City Hotel (★★★★★) 477 Si Ayuthaya Road, Phayathai Bangkok Tel: (662) 247-0123 Fax: (662) 247-0165 E-mail: reservations@siamhotels.com <i>Contact person:</i> Ms. Ratchanikrit Ksankath	15-25	Deluxe	2,700 ^{a/b}	2,900 ^{a/b}
Trang Hotel (★★★) 99/1 Wisutkasat Road, Bangkok Tel: (662) 281-1402-3 Fax: (662) 280-3610 E-mail: reservations@tranghotelbangkok.com <i>Contact person:</i> Ms. Nutchanon Sanamchai	5-10	Superior Deluxe	1,500 ^{a/b} 1,700 ^{a/b}	1,500 ^{a/b} 1,700 ^{a/b}
Hotel Dé Moc (★★★) 78 Prajatipatai Road, Bangkok Tel: (662) 282-2833 Fax: (662) 280-1299 E-mail: rsvn@buddygroupthailand.com <i>Contact person:</i>	5-10	Standard Superior	1,200 ^{a/b} 1,400 ^{a/b}	1,200 ^{a/b} 1,400 ^{a/b}

Name and address	Driving distance to UNCC (minutes)	Room type	Room rates (Baht)	
			Single	Double
Ms. Nutchatorn Sitthi				
Sourire @ Ratanakosin Island (★★★) 235 Rajadamnern Avenue Bavornniwet Phranakorn, Bangkok Tel: (662) 280-2180 Ext. 100 Fax: (662) 280-2181 E-mail: sourirebangkok@hotmail.com <i>Contact person: Ms. Suree C.</i>	10-15	Superior Deluxe Executive	1,200 ^a 1,600 ^a 2,000 ^a	1,200 ^a 1,600 ^a 2,000 ^a
Best Western Swana Bangkok Hotel (★★★) 332 Wisutkasat Road Phranakorn, Bangkok Tel: (662) 282-8899 Fax: (662) 281-7816 E-mail: Info@swanabangkok.com <i>Contact person: Ms. Ruenrudee P.</i>	10-15	Standard Superior Deluxe	990 ^a 1,190 ^a 1,390 ^a	990 ^a 1,190 ^a 1,390 ^a

* Inclusive of daily American breakfast, service charge and government tax.

** Complimentary transport services provided according to fixed schedules, from the hotels to UNCC in the morning and back to the hotels in the evening.

*Hotel Dé Moc: **Minimum 5 persons***

*Siam City Hotel: **Minimum 10 persons***

*Pullman Hotel: **Minimum 10 persons***

*** Free internet access.

Pullman Hotel and Resort Superior room 1 hour/day

Deluxe room 4 hours/day

Note: Other charges for additional services in the hotels are subject to a 10 per cent service charge and 7 per cent VAT. The hotel room rates are subject to alteration without prior notice

ANNEX 2: Immigration Requirements

Visa exemption for maximum 30 days

According to the Immigration Bureau of Thailand, nationals of the following countries or areas may enter and stay in Thailand for a maximum period of 30 days without a visa. However, if the duration of stay is expected to exceed 30 days, an appropriate entry visa must be obtained in advance from Thai diplomatic or consular missions.

Austria, Australia, Bahrain, Belgium, Brunei Darussalam, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong China, Iceland, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kuwait, Luxemburg, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Macao China, Malaysia, Monaco, Mongolia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Oman, Philippines, Portugal, Qatar, Russian Federation, Singapore, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Viet Nam.

Visa exemption for maximum 90 days

Nationals of the following countries may enter and stay in Thailand for a maximum period of 90 days without a visa. However, if the duration of stay is expected to exceed 90 days, an appropriate entry visa must be obtained in advance from Thai diplomatic or consular missions.

Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Republic of Korea, and Peru.

Visa exemption for Maximum 30 days for diplomatic/official passport holders

Nationals of the following countries or areas holding a valid diplomatic or official passport may enter and stay in Thailand for 30 days as specified in the relevant visa waiver agreements between Thailand and the countries concerned:

Cambodia, People's Republic of China, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Hong Kong China, Macao China, Mexico, Mongolia, Myanmar, Oman, Viet Nam.

Visa exemption for maximum 90 days for diplomatic/official passport holders

Nationals of the following countries holding a valid diplomatic or official passport may enter and stay in Thailand for 90 days as specified in the relevant visa waiver agreements between Thailand and the countries concerned:

Argentina, Austria, Belgium, Bhutan, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, Croatia, Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, India, Israel, Italy, Japan, Liechtenstein, Luxemburg, Malaysia, Mexico, Nepal, Netherlands, Oman, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Singapore, South Africa, Switzerland, Slovakia, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, Uruguay.

Visa on arrival for maximum 15 Days

Nationals of the following countries holding a valid ordinary passport may be granted upon arrival, by the Thai immigration authority at Suvarnabhumi Airport, a visa for a stay not exceeding 15 days, conditional on meeting requirements noted below:

Andorra, Bulgaria, Bhutan, People's Republic of China, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Ethiopia, Hungary, India, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Maldives, Malta, Mauritius, Poland, Romania, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Slovenia, Slovakia, Ukraine, Uzbekistan.

These requirements are as follows:

- (a) The applicant must be in possession of a passport with a validity of at least six months or an appropriate travel document recognized by the Government of Thailand;
- (b) The applicant must be in possession of a confirmed onward or return air ticket which is usable within 15 days since the date of entry;
- (c) The applicant must submit the duly filled out application form (TM.88) which is available at the Visa-on-Arrival counter at Suvarnabhumi International Airport together with one recent passport-size photograph. The application fee of Baht 1,000 applies.

Participants from countries other than those listed above are requested to obtain an appropriate entry visa from the Thai diplomatic or consular missions at the point of origin or en route prior to entering Thailand.

The information provided above is accurate as at 31 January 2011. All participants are advised to consult with the diplomatic mission/embassy of Thailand in their respective country regarding the latest applicable immigration requirement prior to their departure.