

Thailand to be reviewed by UN Committee Against Torture

GENEVA (23 April 2014) - The UN Committee Against Torture is due to review Thailand's record for the first time on 30 April and 1 May in sessions that will be webcast live.

Thailand is one of the 155 States parties to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and is required to undergo regular examinations of its record before the Committee of 10 independent experts.

The Committee will engage in a dialogue with the Thai government delegation and also hear from NGOs. The public sessions will take place from 10:00 on 30 April and from 15:00 on 1 May and can be viewed here: <http://www.treatybodywebcast.org/>. The OHCHR Regional Office in Bangkok is hosting a live-web cast of the 30 April session (starting local time 15:00) at the UN Conference Centre in Bangkok.

Thailand's initial report is available at:

http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/treatybodyexternal/SessionDetails1.aspx?SessionID=890&Lang=en. The Committee will publish its concluding observations here on Friday 23 May.

A press conference is tentatively scheduled for Friday 23 May at 14:00 at Palais des Nations when the Committee will discuss its concluding observations on Thailand and the other countries being reviewed – Uruguay, Sierra Leone, Holy See, Guinea, Montenegro, Cyprus, and Lithuania.

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