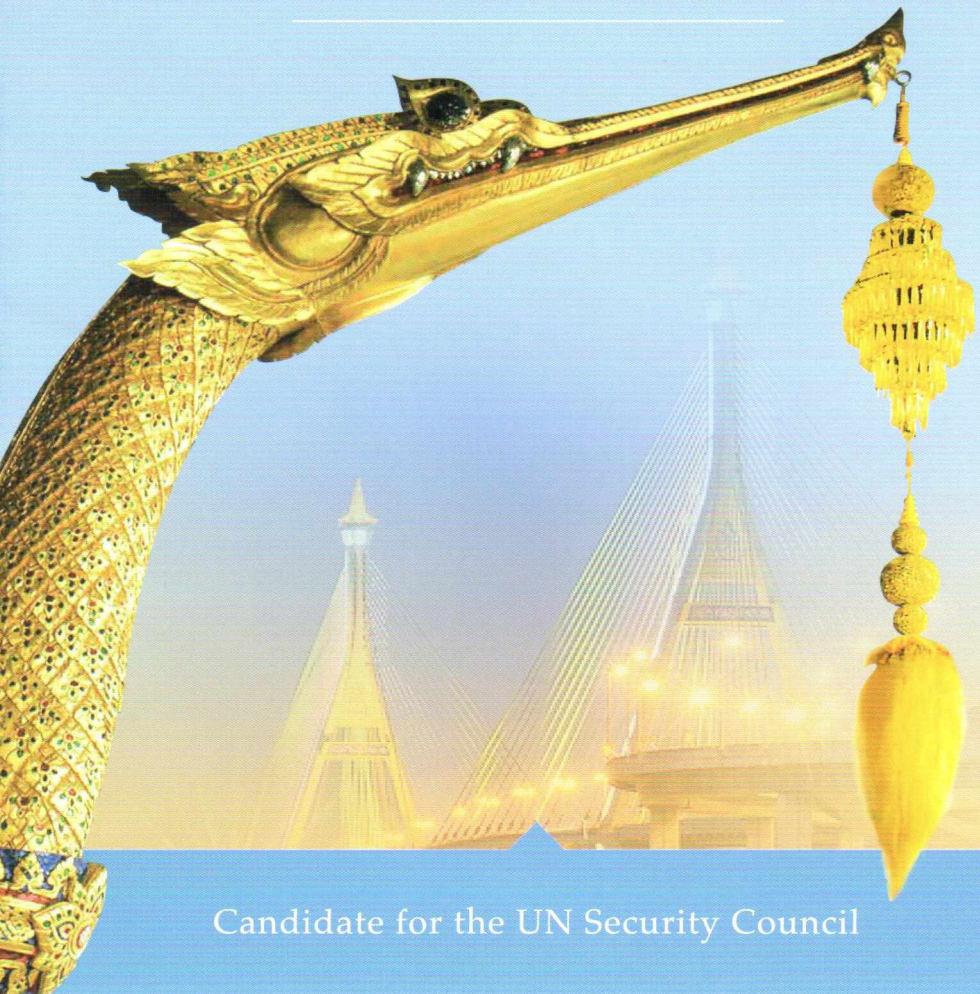


Building Bridges
for Partnership

Thailand

2017-2018



Candidate for the UN Security Council

Message from Her Excellency
Ms. Yingluck Shinawatra
Prime Minister of
the Kingdom of Thailand



The Kingdom of Thailand seeks the support of all Member States of the United Nations to serve as a non-permanent member of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) for the term 2017 - 2018.

Thailand has a strong record of contribution to international peace and security. As a peace-loving people, we Thais have always upheld the belief that disputes and conflicts can be prevented, and if they arise, should be resolved, first and foremost, through peaceful means. We believe it is imperative to take a proactive approach to preventive diplomacy in order to avert a potential conflict before it breaks out. At the same time, as a responsible member of the United Nations, Thailand has always answered the UNSC's call for collective action, whether as part of UN peacekeeping and related missions around the world or in support of UNSC resolutions. Thailand has also been active in promoting peace and security at the regional level, through the creation of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) in Bangkok in 1967 and support for an ASEAN Community, in particular the ASEAN Political-Security Community, to be realized in 2015.

We also believe that international peace and security can be promoted by sustaining conditions that help minimize dispute and confrontation. This includes promoting sustainable development and addressing gender gaps. Promoting respect for diversity, better mutual understanding amongst peoples and tolerance are also important. Thailand believes in having people at the centre of all that we do, which is why the promotion and protection of democracy and human rights is such an important pillar of our policies.

With its open society and broad-minded people, Thailand has the values and the experience that make us a good bridge-builder among countries. With values of respect for diversity and moderation and an enduring commitment to the purposes and principles of the UN, Thailand believes that it can build effective bridges of partnership to promote comprehensive security for all and contribute to maintaining international peace and security.

I hope to receive your valuable support for Thailand's election to the UNSC.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Y. Shinawatra'.

(Yingluck Shinawatra)

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As a medium-sized developing country, Thailand strongly supports a rule-based multilateral system, with full respect for sovereign equality among nations. In the world of diverse political systems, development levels and cultures, Thailand firmly believes that constructive dialogue based on mutual respect is essential to achieving common goals and universal values such as comprehensive security, sustainable development and human rights.

Any issue taken up by the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) ultimately affects every country and its people. Therefore, a more accessible, transparent and increasingly effective UNSC, with increased coherence with other United Nations (UN) bodies, is in the interest of everyone. With regard to Thailand's candidature for non-permanent membership of the UNSC in 2017 - 2018, Thailand pledges to be a bridge-builder for members and non-members of the UNSC. Thailand is also fully committed to fostering constructive dialogue with all countries and in all fora, contributing to peace and security.

Thailand

Forging Partnership for Peace, Security and Prosperity

As threats to human safety, security and well-being transcend boundaries, international cooperation and partnership are indispensable to the maintenance of international peace and security as well as the promotion of prosperity for all. Efforts of national governments and regional organizations play an important role in addressing both traditional security and emerging threats while contributing positively to the work of the UNSC.

In this regard, Thailand believes that partnership between the UNSC and regional organizations will become even more important in addressing multi-faceted challenges facing international peace and security. As a founding member and the birthplace of the Association of Southeast Asia Nations (ASEAN) in 1967, Thailand has actively worked with all partners in the region to promote trust, confidence and cooperation in order to advance regional peace, stability and economic prosperity in Southeast Asia and the wider Asia-Pacific. Through the ASEAN Community to be established in 2015, Thailand aims to promote enhanced regional cooperation for peace and stability and for preventive diplomacy.



Thailand has also been a strong advocate of advancing the comprehensive partnership between ASEAN and the UN which would further strengthen the fabric of international peace and security. Building on this experience, Thailand supports enhanced dialogue and partnership between the UNSC and relevant stakeholders, especially regional organizations, as well as other intergovernmental organizations. This will lead to strengthened implementation of the UNSC resolutions and more effective response of the UNSC to global needs and realities.

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Continued Contributions to International Peace and Security

Since 1950, over 20,000 Thai military and police personnel have proudly served in more than 20 peacekeeping and related missions of the UN, including in Cambodia, Timor-Leste, Haiti, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Lebanon and Sudan. On maritime security and anti-piracy, the Royal Thai Navy has deployed its Counter Piracy Task Group to join the Combined Maritime Forces (CMF) in patrolling and protecting ships against piracy attacks in the Gulf of Aden area. Closer to home, Thailand plays an active role in regional anti-piracy efforts, including the Malacca Straits Coordinated Patrol and the Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia (ReCAAP).

In addition to the efforts of our men and women who risk their lives for peace, Thailand has continuously promoted seamless transition from conflict to relief and development. Thailand believes that peacekeepers are early peacebuilders. Our peacekeepers are known to bring not only agricultural know-how, infrastructure building and restoration, and medical services to many places where they are deployed, but also positive engagement with local peoples. Thailand is also at the forefront in efforts to develop enhanced regional peacekeeping capabilities, within ASEAN and beyond.

As headquarters to the regional offices of the United Nations and its specialized agencies and other international organizations, Thailand has also served as the venue for many international, regional and other meetings that help facilitate conflict resolution and promote peace and security.



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People-Centered Approach to Peace and Security, Development and Human Rights

Thailand realizes that every country has a responsibility to do its part to contribute to international peace and security. In so doing, however, we cannot lose sight of the mutually reinforcing and integrally linked nature of peace and security, development and human rights. Thailand believes that the international community should attach greater importance to addressing root causes of conflicts, through effective conflict prevention measures. In this regard, conflict prevention should be viewed in a broader context to encompass a range of measures that aim at fostering sustainable, inclusive development and enhancing respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms through dialogue, cooperation and capacity building.

Sustainable peace of a country must be developed on the basis of the safety and security, well-being and human dignity of its citizens as well as the ability to act effectively against the changing nature of emerging threats. In view of the wide-ranging critical issues facing humanity, from health to human trafficking, from disarmament to democracy, and from rule of law to rural development, Thailand is convinced that effective responses must derive from a comprehensive approach to promoting and protecting the overall security and well-being of an individual, as the building bloc of the world's collective welfare.



Why Thailand?

- Thailand represents **an open, medium-sized developing country** with a **comprehensive view of peace and security**;
- Thailand has **a long tradition of active engagement with the UN** and has a good track record on all pillars of the work of the UN;
- Thailand values and promotes **a people-centered approach** in the pursuit of peace and security, development and human rights;
- Thailand believes in constructive engagement and **dialogue based on mutual respect**;
- Thailand supports **a more accessible, transparent and increasingly effective UNSC**, with increased coherence with other UN bodies;
- Thailand's candidature receives **support from members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)**;
- Thailand pledges to be **a bridge-builder** for members and non-members of the UNSC.



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