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Recommendations by Canada for Thailand's UPR

Recommendations:

Canada recommends that Thailand:

1. Repeal Order 3/2015 by the National Council for Peace and Order and the 2015 Public Assembly Act, and stop the use of the 2007 Act on Computer-Related Offenses as well as Criminal Code Articles 112, 326, and 328 to restrict freedom of expression, including online.
2. End the prosecution of civilians in military courts, which lack the objective institutional independence to guarantee the right to a fair trial. Immediately transfer any cases of civilians facing proceedings before military courts to civilian courts.
3. Enact the Prevention and Suppression of Torture and Enforced Disappearance Bill to criminalize torture in accordance with the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, create an independent body to investigate all torture allegations, including in Thailand's Deep South, and bring perpetrators to justice.
4. Provide access to legal status for asylum seekers and refugees without discrimination, end arbitrary detention, and implement effective legal safeguards against refoulement consistent with international human rights and refugee law.

Observations

Canada acknowledges Thailand's active engagement in the UPR process, including through civil society consultations. We encourage Thailand to work with civil society and other stakeholders to implement recommendations while ensuring human rights defenders are able to work without fear of, and are protected from, reprisals.

Canada encourages Thailand to continue its efforts to protect the rights of persons who are marginalized and most vulnerable, including migrant workers, women, children, and LGBTI persons.