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**PERMANENT MISSION OF THAILAND
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The Permanent Mission of Thailand to the United Nations Office and Other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) and has the honour to refer to the Office's Note dated 29 October 2014 extending the deadline for answering the Questionnaire on the responsibilities of sub-national governments with respect to the right to adequate housing.

In this connection, the Permanent Mission has further the honour to forward herewith the complete Questionnaire as prepared by Ministry of Foreign Affairs according to the information received by Department of Local Administration, Ministry of Interior and other relevant sources. The same submission in electronic format has also been sent to srhousing@ohchr.org.

The Permanent Mission of Thailand to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights the assurances of its highest consideration.

Geneva, 18 November B.E. 2557 (2014)



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III. Questionnaire

A. Distribution of responsibilities related to the right to adequate housing:

1. Please identify the levels of government (national, provincial/state, municipal) primarily responsible for the following: (where primary responsibility is shared please check more than one):

	National/ Federal	Provincial/ State	Municipal	Explanatory Notes
Housing programme	✓		✓	
Income support (eg: transfer payments to individuals, welfare, social security and/or rent subsidies/supplements)	✓	✓	✓	
Tenancy and security of tenure legislation		✓	✓	
Infrastructure (eg: Water/sanitation, electricity)	✓	✓	✓	
Prohibition of discrimination in housing	✓		✓	

2. What are the primary bases for the allocation of responsibilities among different levels of government? Please identify the appropriate provision(s) and provide a copy or link if possible:

- Constitutional
- National framework legislation or housing strategy

National framework

The Eleventh National Economic and Social Development Plan (2012-2016) - the plan is considered the guidelines for economic and social development policies in the country. Housing strategy is under Policy 5.1 Creating the just society, No. 5.1.2 Provide social services for all as a matter of basic rights, place emphasis on the self-resilience of individuals, and encourage participatory decision-making in the country's development process.

Website: http://www.nesdb.go.th/Portals/0/news/plan/p11/Plan11_eng.pdf

The Policy Statement of the government – one of 11 main policies of the government is to reduce social inequality and creating opportunities to access public services (policy no. 3).

Website: <http://www.rdpb.go.th/RDPB/Upload/Document/Policy%20Statement%20of%20the%20Council.pdf>

The 3rd National Human Rights Plan for 2014-2018 – the plan serves as a tool for all parties concerned to apply the promotion and protection of human rights in their works. It reflects elements from the Constitution, the recommendations adopted for implementation pursuant to the UPR, international human rights obligations in the conventions to which Thailand is party as well as issues reflected by Thai population. One of 11 dimensions identified in this plan is a human rights plan for habitation affairs.

Website: <http://www.rlpd.go.th/rlpdnew/index.php/2012-06-20-06-19-42/2012-06-20-06-20-59/3>

Social Welfare Promotion Act (No. 3), B.E. 2556 (2013) – the law promotes the provision of social welfare such as education, health care, housing, occupation and income, leisure, justice, and general service, as a means to improve people's quality of life. The Act also encourages the participation of local administrative organizations and communities in the provision of social welfare.