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HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

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Excellency,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 15 June 2010 on your exchange of views with my predecessor, who co-signed the letter, on the issue of the Human Rights Council review.

I would like, first of all, to thank you for the importance you attach to the review of the Council. I took note of your positions on several procedural issues related to the review and wish to inform you that, further to the receipt of your letter, I had convened a meeting of my Bureau on 21 June 2010 to consider the matters raised therein. Let me underline at the outset, that there is a general feeling amongst the members of my Bureau that close coordination between the Council and the General Assembly is essential to ensure that the two review processes be mutually reinforcing. There was also a common understanding that the letter would not prejudice the question of the sequencing of the review processes, and it was noted that the predominant view of delegations in Geneva is in the direction of having the review by the General Assembly await the completion of the review by the Council of its own work and functioning.

I also wish to inform you about my intention to further develop the roadmap and modalities of the review of the Council, particularly the issue of proper sequencing of the review processes, for the consideration of the Council, and then communicate the views of the Council to the General Assembly.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Phuanketkeow'.

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