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Order of the Prime Minister's Office No. 125/2553

Re: Establishment of a Special Centre to Supress, Arrest and Prosecute Alien Workers Who Are Working Underground

On 19th January 2010 (2553) the Cabinet passed a resolution to extend the period of time to complete the nationality verification process by two years for alien workers who illegally entered into the Kingdom of Thailand, and thereby extended the length of the amnesty for these alien workers to remain in Thailand to complete this nationality verification process for another two years similarly. These workers can now remain in Thailand to complete nationality verification until 28th February 2012. In order to be eligible for these extensions, alien workers had to express their intention to enter into the nationality verification process and proceed to complete a request for an extension to their worker permits or request their work permits before 28th February 2010. This resolution also stated that once this time period had expired, related departments and officials should proceed strictly according to law in order to defend against and intercept the bringing in of new alien workers into the country. In addition, this resolution provided the authority for prosecution of alien workers who did not enter into the nationality verification process and who hence were working underground, as well as for the prosecution of those responsible for bringing alien workers into the country, those providing a safe haven for these workers and also their employers. In order to ensure the effectiveness of this Cabinet resolution...

With authority as provided for in Articles 11(3), 11(6) and 11(9) of the *State Administration Act 1991 (2534)*, the Prime Minister hereby issues this official order as follows:

- 1. A <u>Special Centre to Supress, Arrest and Prosecute Alien Workers Who Are Working Underground shall be established.</u> This centre shall take on responsibility to coordinate with other related departments and officials, including the Ministry of Labour, Ministry of Interior, Office of the Royal Thai Police Force, the Army and the Navy. All departments shall come together to jointly respond for the policy and policy implementation of protecting, suppressing, arresting and prosecuting alien workers who illegally entered the Kingdom of Thailand and are working underground.
- 2. The Special Centre to Supress, Arrest and Prosecute Alien Workers Who Are Working Underground shall be based at the Employment Department at the Ministry of Labour. The Deputy Director General of the Employment

Department, as assigned by the Director General of the Employment Department, shall be the Director of this Centre.

- 3. A Committee shall be set up to administer the Special Centre to Supress, Arrest and Prosecute Alien Workers Who Are Working Underground, made up of the following individuals:
 - 1. Deputy Prime Minister: Chair of the Committee (Major General Sanan Kajornprasart)
 - 2. Minister of Labour: Deputy Chair of the Committee
 - 3. Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Labour: Committee Member
 - 4. Commander of the Royal Thai Police Force: Committee Member
 - 5. Commander of the Army: Committee Member
 - 6. Commander of the Navy: Committee Member
 - 7. Director General of the Employment Department: Committee Member
 - 8. Director General of the Administrative Division: Committee Member
 - 9. Commander of the Office of Immigration: Committee Member
 - 10. Police General Sawat Ammornwiwat: Committee Member
 - 11. Mr Irawat Jantharaprasirt: Committee Member
 - 12. Deputy Director General of the Employment Department: Committee Member and Secretary this is the person who is assigned to carry out the responsibility as Director of the Special Centre to Supress, Arrest and Prosecute Alien Workers Who Are Working Underground
 - 13. Director of the Alien Workers Management Committee: Committee Member and Assistant to the Secretary Department of Employment
 - 14. Expert on Management of Alien Workers: Committee Member and Assistant to the Secretary Department of Employment
 - 15. Director of the Department for Inspection and Protection of Job Seekers: Committee Member and Assistant to the Secretary - Department of Employment

This Committee is assigned the following responsibilities:

- 1. To establish the standards, methods of implementation and management systems relating to the investigation of suppression, arrest and prosecution of alien workers and related persons, including the interception of the entry into the Kingdom of new alien workers
- 2. To direct, command, rush and control the looking after of and proceedings of the Special Centre to Supress, Arrest and Prosecute Alien Workers Who Are Working Underground
- 3. To establish a Subcommittee to carry out the orders as assigned to it by the management committee
- 4. To carry out other duties in accordance with the orders of the Prime Minister or the Cabinet
- 4. Working Committees to Investigate, Suppress, Arrest and Prosecute Alien Workers Who Are Working Underground should be established as follows:
 - 1. A Working Committee to Investigate, Suppress, Arrest and Prosecute Alien Workers Who Are Working Underground (Committee 1) shall be responsible for Bangkok area and shall be made up of the following individuals:

- 1. Police Officer from the Office of Immigration: Head of the Working Committee (Must Have Rank of Police Lieutenant Colonel or Higher)
- 2. Police Officer from the Headquarters of the Central Investigation Bureau: Working Committee Member
- 3. Police Officer from the Headquarters of the Special Branch of the Royal Thai Police Force: Working Committee Member
- 4. Police Officer from the Headquarters of the Metropolitan Police Force Divisions 1 9: Working Committee Member
- 5. Police Officer from the Headquarters of the Border Patrol Police Region 1: Working Committee Member
- 6. Official from the Administrative Department: Working Committee Member
- 7. Official from the Employment Department: Working Committee Member and Secretary of Working Committee
- 2. A Working Committee to Investigate, Suppress, Arrest and Prosecute Alien Workers Who Are Working Underground (Committee 2) shall be responsible for 25 Provinces including Nonthaburi, Pratum Thani, Samut Prakarn, Ayutthaya, Nakhon Pathom, Ratchaburi, Samut Sakorn, Samut Songkram, Kanchanaburi, Saphan Buri, Petchabun, Prachuap Khiri Khan, Saraburi, Lopburi, Chai Nat, Angthong, Sing Buri, Chachoengsao, Prachin Buri, Rayong, Chanthaburi, Trat, Nakhon Nayok and Sa Kaeo Province and shall be made up of the following individuals:
 - 1. Police Officer from the Office of Immigration: Head of the Working Committee (Must Have Rank of Police Lieutenant Colonel or Higher)
 - 2. Police Officer from the Headquarters of the Central Investigation Bureau: Working Committee Member
 - 3. Police Officer from Headquarters of Police Force Division 1: Working Committee Member
 - 4. Police Officer from Headquarters of Police Force Division 2: Working Committee Member
 - 5. Police Officer from Headquarters of Police Force Division 7: Working Committee Member
 - 6. Police Officer from the Headquarters of the Border Patrol Police Region 1: Working Committee Member
 - 7. Police Officer from Headquarters of the Water Police Division: Working Committee Member
 - 8. Official from the Administrative Department: Working Committee Member
 - 9. Official from the Army: Working Committee Member
 - 10. Official from the Navy: Working Committee Member
 - 11. Official from the Employment Department: Working Committee Member and Secretary
- 3. A Working Committee to Investigate, Suppress, Arrest and Prosecute Alien Workers Who Are Working Underground (Committee 3) shall be responsible for 19 Provinces including Nakhon Ratchissima, Ubon Ratchathani, Surin, Si Sa Ket, Buriram, Chaiyaphum, Yasothon, Amnat Charoen, Khon Kaen, Udon Thani, Roi Et, Sakhon Nakhon, Kalasin, Nong

Khai, Mahasarakham, Loei, Nakhon Phanom, Mukhdahan and Nong Bua Lamphu Province and shall me made up of the following individuals:

- 1. Police Officer from the Office of Immigration: Head of the Working Committee (Must Have Rank of Police Lieutenant Colonel or Higher)
- 2. Police Officer from the Headquarters of the Central Investigation Bureau: Working Committee Member
- 3. Police Officer from Headquarters of Police Force Division 3: Working Committee Member
- 4. Police Officer from Headquarters of Police Force Division 4: Working Committee Member
- 5. Police Officer from the Headquarters of the Border Patrol Police Region 2: Working Committee Member
- 6. Official from the Administrative Department: Working Committee Member
- 7. Official from the Army: Working Committee Member
- 8. Official from the Navy: Working Committee Member
- 9. Official from the Employment Department: Working Committee Member and Secretary
- 4. A Working Committee to Investigate, Suppress, Arrest and Prosecute Alien Workers Who Are Working Underground (Committee 4) shall be responsible for 17 Provinces including Chiangmai, Chiangrai, Lampang, Mae Hong Son, Phrae, Nan, Phayao, Lamphun, Phitsanoluk, Nakhon Sawan, Phetchabun, Khampaeng Phet, Piget, Tak, Uttaradit, Uthai Thani and Sukhothai province and shall be made up of the following individuals:
 - 1. Police Officer from the Office of Immigration: Head of the Working Committee (Must Have Rank of Police Lieutenant Colonel or Higher)
 - 2. Police Officer from the Headquarters of the Central Investigation Bureau: Working Committee Member
 - 3. Police Officer from Headquarters of Police Force Division 5: Working Committee Member
 - 4. Police Officer from Headquarters of Police Force Division 6: Working Committee Member
 - 5. Police Officer from the Headquarters of the Border Patrol Police Region 3: Working Committee Member
 - 6. Official from the Administrative Department: Working Committee Member
 - 7. Official from the Army: Working Committee Member
 - 8. Official from the Employment Department: Working Committee Member and Secretary
- 5. A Working Committee to Investigate, Suppress, Arrest and Prosecute Alien Workers Who Are Working Underground (Committee 5) shall be responsible for the 14 Provinces including Surat Thani, Krabi, Nakhon Sri Thammarat, Phuket, Chumphon, Phangnga, Ranong, Songkla, Narathiwat, Pattani, Yala, Trang, Phatthalung and Satun Province and shall be made up of the following individuals:
 - 1. Police Officer from the Office of Immigration: Head of the Working Committee (Must Have Rank of Police Lieutenant Colonel or Higher)

- 2. Police Officer from the Headquarters of the Central Investigation Bureau: Working Committee Member
- 3. Police Officer from Headquarters of Police Force Division 8: Working Committee Member
- 4. Police Officer from Headquarters of Police Force Division 9: Working Committee Member
- 5. Police Officer from the Headquarters of the Border Patrol Police Region 4: Working Committee Member
- 6. Police Officer from Headquarters of the Water Police Division: Working Committee Member
- 7. Official from the Administrative Department: Working Committee Member
- 8. Official from the Army: Working Committee Member
- 9. Official from the Navy: Working Committee Member
- 10. Official from the Employment Department: Working Committee Member and Secretary

These Working Committees shall all have the following duties:

- 1. To investigate, suppress, arrest and prosecute alien workers and those related persons according to immigration laws and the alien worker laws.
- 2. To summarise and report on the results of these activities to the Management Committee of the Special Centre to Suppress, Arrest and Prosecute Alien Workers Who Are Working Underground
- 3. To carry out other duties as assigned to it by the Management Committee of the Special Centre to Suppress, Arrest and Prosecute Alien Workers Who Are Working Underground
- 5. The Employment Department shall receive funding support from the Fund for Deporting Alien Workers from the Kingdom of Thailand in order to allow the undertaking of activities by the Special Centre to Suppress, Arrest and Prosecute Alien Workers Who Are Working Underground. This support shall be provided in accordance with the systems and regulations of the Fund for Deporting Alien Workers from the Kingdom of Thailand.

This order shall be effective immediately.

Order issued on 2nd June 2010 (2553)

(Signature Provided)

Mr. Abhisit Vejjajiva Prime Minister