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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, with reference to the Office's Note No. RRDD/DESIB/METS/FM/EI/VB dated 2 May 2014 forwarding the **draft Plan of Action for the Third Phase (2015 - 2019) of the World Programme for Human Rights Education** for the Mission's consideration, has the honour to convey to the Office, Thailand's comments and suggestions on the draft Plan of Action as follows:

1. The promotion of human rights education should focus on internationally recognized norms and standards, respect for different perspectives of different cultural backgrounds, and be non-discriminatory with regard to race, religion, and culture.

2. To give all groups in the society equal access to human rights education, the Office should seek to promote human rights curricula for vulnerable populations, particularly persons with disabilities, the visually impaired, children and youth, as well as encourage the production of instructional materials that cater to the specific needs of these peoples.

3. Supporting the production of instructional materials in local languages should be explored as a future Office programme, in order to promote human rights education that is consistent with the cultures and values in local communities and at the national level.

4. The Office can also consider enhancing its engagement with regional mechanisms such as the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR) and members of civil society, such as, among others, the Human Rights Resource Center (HRRC) based in Jakarta. This could be done with support from national mechanisms and national human rights commissions.

5. Follow-ups on the implementation of human rights curricula should be considered as an important step in assessing progress of human rights education in each country. This can be done through important mechanisms such as the Human Rights Council's Universal Periodic Review.

6. In addition to providing financial and technical assistance for capacity-building, the Office can also consult with concerned countries with the view to formulating assistance programmes that respond to each country's specific needs. Given budgetary constraints in some countries, "training for the trainers" programmes will better promote human rights education in the longer term.

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7. The Office should also enhance awareness among members of the media on their responsibility to avoid inciting hatred, divisiveness, violence, discrimination, and violation of human rights. The inclusion of professional ethics and human rights education in the curriculum of mass media and communications programmes at the university level could help instill understanding, responsibilities, and awareness in the journalism and related professions.

In this connection, the Mission has further the honour to request the Office's kind consideration in incorporating the above comments and suggestions when revising the draft Plan of Action.

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 high consideration.

