NACC Determined to Continue Its Work Impartially and Fairly

Thailand’s anti-corruption agency to maintain impartiality and fairness in its inquiry into corruption charges against Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra

The National Anti-Corruption Commission of Thailand (NACC) reiterates its stance for impartiality and fair treatment concerning its inquiry into the role of Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra in the corruption charges related to the government’s rice pledging scheme.

With reference to the Center for Maintaining Peace and Order (CMPO) statement dated 17 April 2014 demanding fair treatment from the NACC for Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra, the NACC maintains that its inquiry into the alleged corruption charges will be conducted impartially and fairly in strict adherence to Article 3 (paragraph 2) of the Constitution B.E. 2550 (2007). The Article obliges the Parliament, the Cabinet, Courts and constitutional organs and public offices to perform their duties according to the rule of law which requires rationalization, legal principle and equality as opposed to prejudice. Politically-motivated threats and attacks on the NACC notwithstanding, the NACC vows to continue its performance with objectivity and fairness in accordance with the rule of law.

The aforementioned statement from the CMPO has also put the NACC at risk of being seen as functioning under political influence and pressure from the government. This contrasts with the supposed and necessary independence required of constitutionally mandated bodies such as the NACC which was specifically conferred with the powers and duties to counter corruption.

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