

Delegation from Kingdom of Thailand

Position Paper for the General Assembly Plenary

The Kingdom of Thailand recognizes the problem of disputed and non-self-governing territories remains the most difficult and important place on the international agenda. Despite the global decolonization effort some of the territories such as Falkland Islands, the Chagos Archipelago, and Gibraltar continue to face unresolved questions about sovereignty, self-determination and governance. These ongoing disputes effect important challenges to local stability, international cooperation and the principals in the United Nations Charter.

The Kingdom of Thailand, unlike many countries, was never officially colonized. Thailand caught between the expansionist policies of Britain and France in the 19th century, Thailand managed to maintain independence thanks to balanced diplomacy and modern policies. However to remain fully independent, Thailand was forced to give up some of their lands in Laos, Cambodia and Malaya, like this Thailand is experiencing the political and economic pressures of Western powers without being a colony.

Thailand supports the principal of self-determination and political status of territory reflect the will of its people. Thailand believes territorial integrity and historical context are important when addressing sovereignty claims.

Peaceful dialogue and negotiation are key to resolve territorial disputes. Thai delegation supports United Nations role holding referendums and consultations to ensure fair and transparent outcomes.

Populations living in disputed and non-self-governing territories should be prioritized for economic development and human rights. Access to education and healthcare are foundational rights for humanity and should not be blocked because of political reasons. Thailand encourages the international aid to support development of those areas.

In conclusion, the Kingdom of Thailand supports communication between the parties, human rights and development of the territories with the help of United Nations.