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Royal Thai Embassy
The Hague

17 October B.E. 2559 (2016)

Dear Ms. Karen de Loos,

I wish to convey to you the concerns I have felt and also have been raised in a number of complaints which the Embassy has received regarding the TV programme "De Wereld Draait Door" screened on NPO 1 on Thursday 13 October 2016.

A large number of people, most of whom are of Thai origin, have contacted the Embassy expressing their concerns that the programme was producing humour in a very insensitive manner while presenting story about the late King of Thailand.

Thai monarchy is one of the country's principle institutions and central to the Thai soul and identity. The part of the programme about our beloved late King contains lines which were extremely inappropriate. Such practices, especially, during this period of national mourning are not only unethical but also unprofessional, insensitive to the feelings of the Thai peoples and offensive towards Thai cultural traditions.

I repect fully individual's freedom of speech and I also hope the same respect could be reciprocated to the Thai people. I sincerely hope that you would take this matter seriously and bring it to the highest destination. Further, I also hope that future programmes of NPO 1 will reflect more understanding, sensitivity and constructiveness.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Natsupang Poshyananda".

(Natsupang Poshyananda)
Counsellor

Ms Karen de Loos,
Head of communication BNN-VARA