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ECT Unanimously Resolves to Submit Case to the Constitutional Court Case Concerning Mr. Thanakorn Thawornchinchot, Selected as a Senator in Group 6, No. 7, for Violating Section 74 in Conjunction with Section 14 (12) of the Organic Act on the Acquisition of Senators B.E. 2561 (2018)

The Office of the Election Commission of Thailand (OECT) has disclosed the resolution of the meeting of the Election Commission of Thailand held on 21 September 2026 concerning Mr. Thanakorn Thawornchinchot, who was selected as a Senator in Group 6, No. 7. Mr. Thanakorn was accused of applying to be selected as a Senator despite knowing that he was ineligible to apply, as he had previously been subject to a final judgment of the Pattaya Provincial Court in Criminal Case No. 10664/2554 (Black Case) and Red Case No. 10706/2554, dated 17 December 2011, for the offence of being a gambling dealer or gambling parlour owner under the Gambling Act B.E. 2478 (1935), and its amendment. Such conduct constitutes an offence under the law governing gambling in respect of acting as a gambling dealer or a gambling parlour owner, thereby violating Section 74 in conjunction with Section 14 (12) of the Organic Act on the Acquisition of Senators B.E. 2561 (2018).

The Election Commission of Thailand unanimously resolved to take the following actions:

- 1. Submit the matter to the Constitutional Court for adjudication**, pursuant to Section 63 of the Organic Act on the Acquisition of Senators B.E. 2561 (2018).
- 2. Submit a petition to the Supreme Court** seeking an order to revoke Mr. Thanakorn Thawornchinchot's right to candidacy in an election or his right to vote, pursuant to Section 62 of the Organic Act on the Acquisition of Senators B.E. 2561 (2018).



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3. Institute criminal proceedings and request that the Court order Mr. Thanakorn Thawornchinchot to return emolument and any other benefits received as a result of holding such position to the Secretariat of the Senate, pursuant to Section 74, paragraphs one and two, of the Organic Act on the Acquisition of Senators B.E. 2561 (2018) and Section 137 of the Criminal Code.

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