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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Belarus to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations at Geneva presents its compliments to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and, referring to the letter of 25 August 2016 which transmitted a Joint urgent appeal from special procedures, has the honour to provide the following information.

The General Prosecutor's Office of the Republic of Belarus has taken a decision to refuse the extradition of Mr. Chary Annamuradov. Consequently he was released from custody and a search warrant within the territory of the Republic of Belarus was recalled. Reportedly Mr. Annamuradov returned to Sweden.

The Permanent Mission requests the Office to kindly bring this information to the attention of the Special Rapporteur the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression, the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders, the Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.

The Permanent Mission of Belarus avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office the assurances of its highest consideration.

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