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The Permanent Mission of India to the Office of the United Nations and other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and has the honour to refer to its Joint Allegation Letter AL Food (2000-9) Housing (2000-9) Health (2002-7) Water (2008-1) IND 5/2012 dated 1 May 2012 from the Special Rapporteur on the right to food, Special Rapporteur on adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living, and on the right to non-discrimination in this context, Special Rapporteur on the right to everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health and Special Rapporteur on the human right to safe drinking water and sanitation.

The Lakshmanpur Dam and the Kalkawala Afflux Bund was constructed after due consultations between the Governments of India and Nepal. The benefits accrued from the dam have been regularly assessed through bilateral mechanisms like the Joint Standing Technical Committee (JSTC) and Joint Committee on Water Resources (JCWR). Moreover, the construction of the dam has not only resulted in non-recurrence of annual flooding in the area but also helped in optimal utilization of scarce water resources to alleviate problems such as water shortages and helped improve sanitation in the region. The Permanent Mission of India would, therefore, like to state that the allegations contained in the communication are incorrect.

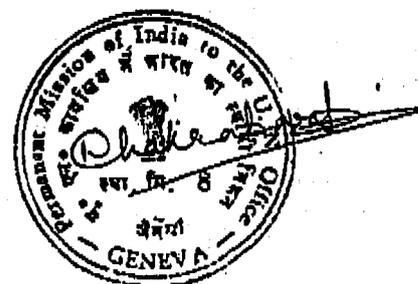
The Permanent Mission of India requests that the response of the Government of India be presented in full to the Special Rapporteurs.

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The Permanent Mission of India to the Office of the United Nations and other International Organizations in Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights the assurances of its highest consideration.



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