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The Permanent Mission of the United Arab Emirates to the United Nations Office and Other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Special Procedures Branch and with reference to its letter UA ARE 2/2015, dated 2 April 2015, regarding the case of Mr Osama AL-NAJJAR, has the honour to inform that according to information received from the relevant authorities in the UAE:

1. Mr Osama AL-NAJJAR has been searched and his house has been searched in the presence of relatives, including his mother and brother, on the basis of a search warrant delivered by the Public Prosecution.
2. He was informed that the Public Prosecution is in charge of the investigations related to his case.
3. He was informed about the charges against him.
4. He was duly asked by the Public Prosecution if he had something to add regarding the investigations, but he did not mention that he has been subjected to torture, ill-treatment or degrading treatment. Since no complaint was made by Mr AL NAJJAR, the Public Prosecution did not order any investigation in this regard.
5. He was allowed to defend himself before the Public Prosecution and the Court.

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6. A lawyer appointed to defend him has attended all court hearings until sentencing.
7. Court hearings were public.
8. He was convicted on 11/25/2015 on the basis of charges, including incitement to hatred against the State, as well as creating and managing a Website with the purpose of spreading cynical and libellous ideas and information about State institutions. He has been sentenced to 3 years in prison and subject to a AED500,000 fine.

The Permanent Mission of the United Arab Emirates to the United Nations Office and Other International Organizations in Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Special Procedures Branch the assurances of its highest consideration.



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