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The Australian Permanent Mission to the United Nations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health, and the Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences.

The Australian Government has the honour to refer to the Special Rapporteurs' letter of 18 July 2011 requesting the Government's observations on the alleged practice of non-therapeutic, forced sterilisation of girls and women with disabilities in Australia.

The Australian Government is currently considering the information and questions contained in the letter. The Government is consulting with relevant stakeholders, including state and territory governments, and will provide a full response by 17 October 2011.

The Australian Permanent Mission to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Special Rapporteurs the assurances of its highest consideration.



Geneva

12 August 2011

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