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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 1/2015, dated 20 February 2015, concerning the joint urgent appeal regarding the three Emirati sisters Ms Asma Khalifa AL SUWAIDI, Ms Al Yazyeh Khalifa AL SUWAIDI and Ms Meriem Khalifa AL SUWAIDI, has the honour to inform that according to information received from the relevant authorities in the UAE:

1. On 15/02/2015, all three sisters have been arrested on charges of being members of an organization listed as a terrorist organization in the UAE according to article 22, paragraph 2 of the Law on Counter-Terrorism.
2. The three sisters have appointed a lawyer.

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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