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The Permanent Mission of India to the Office of the United Nations and other International Organisations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and has the honour to refer to its communication No. UA G/SO 218/2 G/SO 214 (107-9) IND 6/2012 dated 13 July 2012, signed by the Chair-Rapporteur of the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association; and the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders regarding the harassment of members of the Peoples Movement Against Nuclear Energy (PMANE) in protest of the Koodankulam Nuclear Power Project (KNPP) and other human rights defenders.

The Permanent Mission of India would like to inform that the alleged incidents are baseless. The PMANE organized several disruptive protests in the vicinity of the nuclear plant. The protestors were involved in unlawful activities for which criminal cases were registered as per law and investigations were undertaken. Keeping in view the sensitivity of the issue, the District Administration and Police held several rounds of talks with the protestors and addressed their grievances. The allegation of cutting of essential supplies is false. As the area remained highly sensitive, the police exercised restraint and all actions were taken purely as per law.

The Permanent Mission of India requests that the response of the Government of India be presented in full to the Chair-Rapporteur of the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association; and the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders.

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The Permanent Mission of India to the Office of the United Nations and other International Organisations 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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