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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of South Africa to the United Nations Office at Geneva and other International Organizations in Switzerland presents its compliments to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights - Special Procedures Branch, and has the honour to refer to its Diplomatic Note Ref. 672/2011 dated 25 November 2011, requesting an extension of the deadline for the submission of the South African Government's response to the Allegation Letter AL G/SO 214- (53-24) G/SO 214 (89-15) ZAF 2/2011 of 16 September 2011, received from the Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, and the Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of South Africa has the further honour to acknowledge and express its appreciation to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights - Special Procedures Branch, for its electronic mail communication of 21 December 2011, extending the deadline for the submission of the South African Government's response to the afore-mentioned Allegation Letter AL G/SO 214 - (53-24) G/SO 214 (89-15) ZAF 2/2011 to the end of January 2012. Given the seriousness and gravity of the allegations levelled against the South African Police, the South African Government is herewith, requesting a further extension of the deadline for the submission of its response until the end of February 2012, to enable the completion of thorough investigations currently underway.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of South Africa to the United Nations Office at Geneva and other International Organizations in Switzerland avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights- Special Procedures Branch the assurances of its highest consideration.

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