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The Australian Permanent Mission to the United Nations and Other Specialised Agencies in Geneva presents its compliments to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and has the honour to refer to the joint urgent appeal from the Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants and the Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhumane or degrading treatment or punishment dated 8 July 2014 (Ref: AUS 2/2014).

The Australian Government would like to advise that all these matters are currently before the High Court of Australia, and the Australian Government will provide a full response once they are resolved.

The Australian Permanent Mission avails itself of the opportunity to renew to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights the assurances of its highest consideration.

Geneva

10 July 2014