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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, with reference to communication No. UA/G/SO 214 (67-17) Assembly & Association (2010-1) G/SO 214 (107-9)G/SO 214 (33-27) G/SO 214 (89-15) IND 19/2011 dated 12 September 2011, signed by Mr. Christof Heyns, Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial summary or arbitrary executions, Mr. Frank La Rue, Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right o freedom of opinion and expression, Mr. Maina Kiai, Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association, Ms. Margaret Sekagya, Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders and Ms. Rashida Manjoo, Special Rapportuer on violence against women, its causes and consequences regarding the killing of environmentalist and human rights defender Ms. Shehla Masood and the attacks and death threats againts women human rights defenders Mmes. Mumta Bibi, Iberei Begum, Najida and Leila Bibi.

The Permanent Mission of India would like to state that the investigation has revealed that the murder of Ms. Shehla Masood was committed in connection with a love affair and no co-relation to her environment or human rights related work has been established. The case is under trial in a judicial court.

As regards the attacks and death threats against Mmes. Mumta Bibi, Iberei Begum, Najida and Leila Bibi, the Permanent Mission of India would like to state that the matter has been enquired into. No First Information Report (FIR) has been lodged with the police either by these individuals or others on their behalf. The police is in contact with these individuals and have assured them of security whenever required by the individuals.

The Permanent Mission of India requests that the response of the Government of India be presented in full to the Special Rapporteurs.

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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