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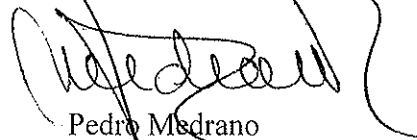
10 October 2014

Dear Ms. Farha, Mr. Gallón, Mr. Pūras and Ms. de Albuquerque,

The Secretary-General has asked me to respond on his behalf to your joint communication dated 25 September 2014 related to the cholera outbreak in Haiti (“the joint communication”). I note that you seek a response from the Secretary-General by 24 October 2014. As the joint communication raises a wide range of issues, it will be necessary to coordinate with various departments and offices within the Secretariat and in the field in order for the response to comprehensively address these issues.

We understand that, as a matter of general practice, Special Rapporteurs and Independent Experts afford Governments to whom they address requests of this nature a 60-day timeframe within which to respond. Consistent with that practice, and in light of the factors set out above, I wish to inform that the Secretary-General intends to provide the requested response by 24 November 2014.

Yours sincerely,



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