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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Belarus avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights the assurances of its highest consideration.

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The Permanent Mission has to draw the attention of the Special Procedures that the practice of sending of joint communications undermines *the principle of non-accumulation of human rights functions at a time* and therefore it contradicts the institution-building package of the Human Rights Council (paragraph 44, A/HRC/RES/5/1). In this context the Permanent Mission also notes the violation of Article 3 (d) of the Code of Conduct, which obliges every mandate-holder *"to focus exclusively on the implementation of their mandate"* (A/HRC/RES/5/2).

The Permanent Mission urges the Special Rapporteurs to individualize points they wish to address to the Government in terms of their respective mandates. Such individualized communications will be considered in line with the specific mandate of every Special Procedure.

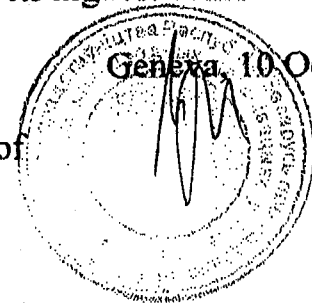
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