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The Permanent Mission of India to the Office of the United Nations and other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and has the honour to refer to its communication No. UA G/SO 218/2 G/SO 214 (33-27) G/SO 214 (53-24) IND 6/2013 dated 5 June 2013.

In this regard, the Permanent Mission of India would like to state that in the case of Mr. Devender Pal Singh @ Bhullar, the subject was convicted and awarded death sentence by a Lower Division Court in New Delhi for his involvement in the bomb explosion at 5, Raisina Road, New Delhi on 11.09.1993. The subject filed an appeal in the Supreme Court of India. The Supreme Court after following due process of law, however, confirmed the death sentence. The subject was given a fair trial as mandated by Indian law and principles of natural justice duly complied with during the investigation/trial of the accused. A mercy petition was filed by the subject on 14.01.2003 which was rejected after following due process of law by the President of India on 30.05.2011. Following this, the subject filed a writ petition in the Supreme Court seeking the conversion of his death sentence either to life imprisonment or release on compassionate grounds. This was dismissed on 12.04.2013 by the Supreme Court after following due process of law, and his death sentence was upheld. The execution of the subject

has been held in abeyance under the Delhi Prisons Act for six months in view of his poor mental health.

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