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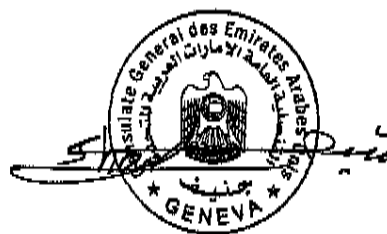


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The Permanent Mission of the United Arab Emirates to the United Nations Office and Other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights – Special Procedures – and with reference to its letter no. UA G/SO 217/1 G/SO 214 (53/24) ARE 7/2013 of 30 December 2013, concerning Abdulrahman al-Jaidah, has the honour to forward the response of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs addressed to both Mr Ariel Dulitzky, Chair-Rapporteur of the Working Group on Enforced and Involuntary Disappearances, and Mr Juan E. Méndez, Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.

The Permanent Mission of the United Arab Emirates to the United Nations Office and Other International Organizations in Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights – Special Procedures – the assurances of its highest consideration.



Chair-Rapporteur of the Working Group on Enforced and Involuntary Disappearances & Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment

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Mr. Ariel Dulitzky,

Chair-Rapporteur of the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances

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Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment

Thank you for your letter dated 30 December 2013 relating to the case of Mr. Abdulrahman al-Jaidah. We welcome the opportunity to provide you with further information about this case.

In response to your questions:

1. The alleged facts upon which your letter is based are inaccurate. Mr. al-Jaidah was not abducted or kidnapped, nor was he threatened, beaten, tortured, or the victim of any other abuse as claimed.

Allow me to clarify the facts of this case:

Mr. al-Jaidah was arrested on 23 December 2013 for communicating and cooperating with an unlawful and secret organization which is aimed at undermining the Constitution and system of governance of the UAE, and overthrowing the government. Mr. al-Jaidah was arrested on the basis of a legal arrest warrant, which was shown to him prior to his arrest, and the reasons for his arrest were explained to him at the time of arrest.

On 24 December 2013, within twenty-four hours of his arrest, as he was a non-national, Mr. al-Jaidah was deported to his country of nationality on the grounds that he represented a threat to national security.

2. Neither Mr. al-Jaidah nor anyone on his behalf has lodged any complaint with a domestic mechanism in the UAE.

3. As mentioned above, Mr. al-Jaidah was deported to his native country. We are not aware of his current whereabouts as he is not within our jurisdiction.

In closing, allow me to reaffirm the UAE's commitment to continually enhancing the domestic implementation of our human rights obligations and commitments and to cooperation with the High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Special Procedures of the Human Rights Council.

Please accept the assurances of our highest consideration.