



MISSION PERMANENTE
DE LA RÉPUBLIQUE DU KAZAKHSTAN
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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and taking into account the Press Release issued by the UN Working Group on Arbitrary Detention and respective UN Special Rapporteurs on May 12, 2016 has the honour to state the following.

On May 9, 2016 the Office of the High Commissioner transmitted the Joint Urgent Appeal from the UN Special Procedures to the Permanent Mission which was urgently forwarded to the Kazakhstan Government authorities to provide requested official information.

On May 11, 2016 the Office of the High Commissioner sent to the Permanent Mission the Draft Press Release by the UN Working Group on Arbitrary Detention and UN human rights experts which was made public the next day without any official observations from the state concerned.

In this regard the Permanent Mission expresses its concern about one-sided approach and calls upon the OHCHR to refrain from such actions in future.

The Permanent Mission reserves its right to clarify the situation on recent protests and meetings on issues related to amendments to the Land Code in the light of the published Press Release.

The Permanent Mission avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the OHCHR the assurances of its highest consideration.

Geneva, May 18, 2016

**Office of the United Nations
High Commissioner for Human Rights**

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