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The Permanent Mission of India to the Office of the United Nations and other International Organisations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and, with reference to its communication No. UA G/SO 214 (67-17) G/SO 214 (107-9) IND 22/2011 dated December 1, 2011 signed by Mr. Frank La Rue, Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression and Ms. Margaret Sekaggya, Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders regarding acts of intimidation against human rights defender, Mr. Shyamal Roy.

The Permanent Mission of India would like to inform that the above-mentioned allegation was investigated by the Government of India and found to be factually inaccurate. Two police personnel from Sonarpur Police Station went to Mr. Shyamal Roy's residence to identify the owner of the SIM card from which SMSs had been received by functionaries of the state. The owner of the SIM card was in the habit of sending SMSs without establishing his identity. The two police personnel made no intimidation or threat while undertaking this enquiry.

The Permanent Mission of India requests that the response of the Government of India be presented in full to the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defender.

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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