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The Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of Bangladesh to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) and has the honour to acknowledge receipt of the joint communication No. OL BGD 8/2016 dated 23 December 2016 from Special Procedures of the OHCHR addressed by the (1) Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health; (2) Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography; (3) Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery, including its causes and consequences; and (4) Chair-Rapporteur of the Working Group on the issue of discrimination against women in law and in practice, concerning the alleged revision bill of the Child Marriage Restraint Act 1929 which contains provisions which would violate the rights of the child, and particularly the rights of the girl child in Bangladesh.

The Permanent Mission of Bangladesh extends the full support and cooperation of the Government of Bangladesh to all the mandates and work of the esteemed Special Rapporteurs and to other human rights mechanisms. The Permanent Mission has further honour to assure that the contents of the communication have been duly noted and forwarded to the concerned authorities in Bangladesh for necessary reply.

The Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of Bangladesh 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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- (1) The Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health;
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