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The Permanent Mission of Australia to the United Nations and other international organisations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights (the Special Rapporteur), and has the honour to refer to Communication OL AUS 5/2017.

By way of *note verbale* dated 17 October 2017, the Special Rapporteur sought information from the Australian Government in relation to allegations concerning the Social Security Legislation Amendment Act 2017 (Cth) (No. 33 of 2017). In the same note, the Special Rapporteur noted concern with a number of other legislative amendments.

The Australian Government regrets that it will not be in a position to finalise its response to the Special Rapporteur on this matter within the requested timeframe, and respectfully requests an extension of time until 15 January 2018. This extension will ensure that the fullest possible information is provided to the Special Rapporteur in response to the questions raised.

The Permanent Mission of Australia avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Special Rapporteur and the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights the assurances of its highest consideration.



Geneva

15 December 2017