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Geneva, 27 March, 2018

To the above mentioned special procedure mandate holders,

I refer to the joint communication AL BRA 3/2018, dated 22nd March 2018, on the murder of Rio de Janeiro’s councilwoman Mrs. Marielle Franco and her driver. On behalf of the Brazilian Government, I attach the following additional comments on the case, complementary to my letter dated 23rd March.

Please accept the assurances of its highest consideration.

[signature]

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Permanent Mission of Brazil to the United Nations Office in Geneva
The Permanent Mission of Brazil to the United Nations in Geneva has received the Joint Allegation Letter AL/BRA/3/2018, dated March 22nd, and has the honour to inform the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights that it was forwarded to the relevant Brazilian authorities, which will present a formal response in due time.

Without prejudice of further detailed information to be presented by the Brazilian government, the Permanent Mission of Brazil would like to forward additional comments on the case, complementary to the ones sent on 23rd March:

The federal intervention in the area of public security in the state of Rio de Janeiro will continue to be guided by the respect for all our international human rights obligations. The Ministry of Human Rights of Brazil has established a human rights observatory for the federal intervention in the state of Rio de Janeiro. This new body - ObservaRIO - is already operational.

Brazilian authorities are committed to investigating and holding those responsible accountable for the murder of Rio de Janeiro’s city council member, Marielle Franco, and her driver, [REDACTED], on March 14th. The Federal Government is already providing full support to the state authorities in the investigations of these killings.