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Ms Beatriz Balbin
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Dear Madam,


RE: JOINT COMMUNICATION FROM SPECIAL PROCEDURES:
AL ZWE 1.2018

Reference is made to your letter ref: AL ZWE 1.2018, dated 22 May 2018 regarding the joint communication by five Special Procedures mandates in relation to alleged human rights violations resulting from exposure of workers, including children, to toxic chemicals while working in tobacco farms in Zimbabwe.

A deadline of 60 days had been given for the Government of Zimbabwe to submit a response to concerns raised. We take this opportunity to advise that the process to compile the necessary response has already started. However, we will not be able to meet the deadline.

In this regard, it is requested that an extension be granted to enable the Government to complete the exercise.

Regards,


C. Chishiri

For: **AMBASSADOR/PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE**