The Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and with reference to the joint communication from special procedures of the Human Rights Council AL RUS 17/2018, requesting information on the continuing detention of Mr. Emir Usein Kuku has the honour to state the following.

The Permanent Mission would like to remind the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights that the Russian Federation does not recognize or consider itself bound by General Assembly Resolutions 71/205 and 72/190, which have been adopted contrary to International Law and do not take into consideration existing political realities.

The Republic of Crimea and the Federal City of Sevastopol, in accordance with the Constitution of the Russian Federation, are federal entities of the Russian Federation. Therefore the norms of the International Humanitarian Law are not applicable to this particular case.

The Russian side is ready to consider the joint communication from special procedures of the Human Rights Council on the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.

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continuing detention of Mr. Emir Usein Kuku provided such a request is correctly formulated and does not contain provisions or references to politically motivated documents.

The Permanent Mission avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights the assurances of its highest consideration.

Geneva, 20 August 2018