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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 has the honour to transmit information from the Russian Federation in response to the joint enquiry by the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression, the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders and the Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers concerning Mr. E. Kurbedinov.

The Russian Federation regards as unacceptable the fact that the Special Procedures, in the context of their investigations, permit themselves to make assessments of a geopolitical nature. Questions related to the state affiliation of particular territories are outside the competence of experts of the United Nations Human Rights Council. In this connection, the Russian Federation will calculate the period for responding to the enquiry by the Special Procedures from the date of receipt of its correctly worded version.

The Permanent Mission takes this opportunity to convey to the Office the renewed assurances of its highest consideration.

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