Dear Special Rapporteur,

I follow-up to your letter of last 28 August regarding the situation of Mr. Rachid Mesli. Based on the information received from the Italian Authorities, I would like to address in particular your concerns about the risk of an imminent extradition to Algeria.

First of all, let me assure you that Mr. Mesli’s freedom of movement is under no means restricted, and that there is no travel ban imposed on him. Even if it is confirmed that he had previously established his residence in Italy, we do not currently have any information concerning his whereabouts. This fact automatically excludes the possibility of an imminent extradition.

Moreover, let me stress that the Italian law does not allow for any extradition to be carried out if and when either the request is politically motivated, or there is any risk that the human rights of the person in question could be violated.

Trusting that the information provided will allow you to have a full picture of Mr. Mesli’s situation, please accept the expression of my highest consideration.

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