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The Permanent Mission of Denmark to the United Nations Office at Geneva presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Special Procedure Branch, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, and has the honour, referring to the Secretariat's Note Verbale dated 22 March 2019 (ref OL DNK 2/2019), to transmit herewith Denmark's replies to the letter concerning the joint communication from special procedures.

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

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With reference to the Joint communication from the Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises and the Special Rapporteur on adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living, and on the right to non-discrimination, reference OL DNK 2/2019.

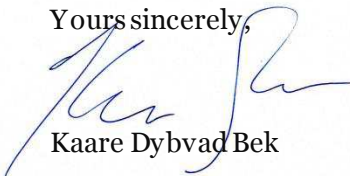
Thank you for your letter of 22 March 2019 addressed to former Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Anders Samuelsen. In late June, a new government was formed with me as Minister for Housing. Since the issue concerns the housing market, it falls under my jurisdiction.

It is my ambition as Minister for Housing to ensure a mixed composition of types of housing and residents in housing areas. A composition that makes it possible to live side aside with people that are not similar to you, something I believe is a cornerstone in a country's social cohesion.

A prerequisite for diverse neighborhoods is affordable housing. Not only in Copenhagen but all over the country. For that reason the rising rent in some parts of our country is a concern to me. An expert group was formed earlier this year to evaluate the relevant housing legislation, and for now I await their recommendations before initiating a legislative process.

Denmark fulfils our international human rights obligations. Today the social housing sector in Denmark offers adequate and affordable housing for everyone with such a need, and the Danish housing market is one of the most regulated in the world.

Yours sincerely,



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