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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Armenia 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 Communication AL ARM 3/2018 from the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions, Working Group on the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination, Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism, and the Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment dated 17 December 2018, has the honor to communicate the following:

The aforementioned communication identified the country visit to Iraq of Ms. Agnes Callamard, the Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions, made in November 2017 as the source of information that “foreign nationals, including possibly nationals of Armenia, were detained in Iraq, facing or awaiting trial, for membership in or association with ISIL” but it failed to specify any further details.

The Government of the Republic of Armenia is not aware of any nationals of Armenia who have been detained in Iraq, facing or awaiting trial, for membership in or association with the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL). Therefore, the Government of the Republic of Armenia has not officially sought information from or took any other action with the Iraqi authorities on that matter.

The Government of Armenia would appreciate if the Special Rapporteur could have provided any further specific details such as the names and number of people she refers to or the particular sources and indications that enabled her to make that allegation. The Government of the Republic of Armenia stands ready to receive and treat any information on this matter in the most confidential manner as well as to thoroughly investigate it and take appropriate action.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Armenia to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva 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, 4 October 2019

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
Geneva