The Permanent Mission of the State of Qatar to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva, presents its compliments to the Chief of the Special Procedures Branch - the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) in Geneva, and has the honor to refer to the joint communication AL QAT 1/2019 dated August 16th 2019, signed by the Special Rapporteur on minority issues and the Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief, pursuant to Human Rights Council resolutions 34/6 and 40/10, and the request made by the two Special Rapporteurs to “receive response” within 60 days.

In this connection, and in view of the fact that the needed information entails reaching out a number of relevant authorities to verify the allegations mentioned in the communication, and given that a number of special mandate holders are now visiting or planning to visit the State of Qatar in the few coming months, the Permanent Mission would like to convey the request made by the competent authorities to be granted extra time of one month, in order for them to respond with the needed information.

The Permanent Mission of the State of Qatar avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Chief of the Special Procedures Branch - the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) in Geneva, the assurances of its highest consideration.

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