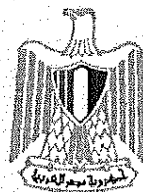


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The Permanent Mission of the Arab Republic of Egypt to the United Nations, World Trade Organization, and Other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (Special Procedures Branch); and with reference to the Joint Communication sent by the Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers; the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression and the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders, dated February 6th, 2020, regarding the case of Mr. Gamal Eid, and due to the current logistical constraints arising from the COVID-19 pandemic and their implications on reducing the manpower in the relevant governmental authorities to the minimum, the Mission has the honor to inform the esteemed aforementioned Special Procedures that the Government of Egypt would like to ask for an extension of the time limit, till the end of May 2020, to present its reply on the abovementioned case.

The Permanent Mission of the Arab Republic of Egypt to the United Nations, World Trade Organization, and Other International Organizations in Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (Special Procedures Branch), the assurances of its highest consideration.

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Geneva, 15 April 2020

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