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The Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to the United Nations and other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the UN Special Procedures Branch of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), and with reference to the joint communication No. UA PAK 8/2020 dated 11 June 2020, has the honour to inform that:

- The Commission of Inquiry on Enforced Disappearances (COIED) is seized of the case of Mr. Idris Khattak, son of Muhammad Ilyas Khan;
- The COIED has been informed about Mr. Khattak’s whereabouts i.e. in the custody of law enforcement authorities;
- The COIED is pursuing this case with relevant government departments;
- Mr. Khattak has been charged under the relevant legal provisions;
- Further proceedings in the case, including in the COIED, will take place under due legal process.

The Mission has the further honour to note the continuing constructive engagement with the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances (WGEID). Even as considerable progress has been made as a result of COIED’s work, the Mission reiterates Pakistan’s national commitment to remain constructively engaged with the OHCHR and the Special Procedures Mandate Holders (SPMHs), including on the case of Mr. Khattak, through established channel of communication.

The Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the esteemed Office the assurances of its highest consideration.

Geneva, 16 June 2020

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