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The Permanent Mission of the Lao People's Democratic Republic (Lao PDR) to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights of the United Nations (Special Procedures Branch) in Geneva, and with reference to the latter's Note Verbal No: AL LAO 1/2020, dated 17 April 2020, pertaining to the submission of a reply of the Lao PDR to the Joint Communication from Special Procedures on the negative impacts caused by the failure of the saddle dam in Attapeu province, has the honour to inform that the Government of the Lao PDR is in the process of finalizing the reply and expects to submit it within July 2020.

The Permanent Mission of the Lao PDR has the further honour to inform that due to the fact that this matter is a time consuming process as it involves many sectors, and in addition, the lockdown restrictions in the fight against COVID-19 in the country from the beginning of virus outbreak until 17 May 2020 inevitably impact on working process at both central and provincial levels. These cause the late submission of the reply.

In this connection, the Permanent Mission of the Lao PDR would highly appreciate if the above-mentioned information could be kindly transmitted to parties concerned in due course.

The Permanent Mission of the Lao PDR to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights of the United Nations (Special Procedures Branch) the assurances of its highest consideration.

Geneva, 24 June 2020

The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights
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