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Dear Mr. García-Sayán,

It is only today that I am acknowledged of your letter sent to the Mission by e-mail, dated 9 August 2019 and addressed to our Minister of Foreign Affairs with regards to the verbal assaults towards two judges in Serbia.

~~The reason behind is that your letter ended up in the spam file of the Mission's e-mail Inbox,~~ consequently causing omission in forwarding your letter to my authorities. It is today that our Mission was warned of the existence of your letter.

In this context, I wish to highlight that we have never received the originals of your letter by classic post, nor any urgent call for a reply, so far. Furthermore, the e-mail your letter was attached to, was asking for the confirmation of the receipt, which, for the latter reasons has never been given.

This is the reason, and only reason why you and your office has never received any reply from Serbia.

The Republic of Serbia belongs to those member states who fully support the mechanism of the UN Special Procedures believing in its valuable effects. This is why, we take this omission and miscommunication with great regrets.

I take this opportunity to assure you of the quick respond of my authorities to your letter, and, given the above circumstances, I kindly ask for another 60 days as time frame for this purpose.

Finally, allow me to suggest, bearing in mind the importance and all the delicate nature of the work UN special rapporteurs are conducting, in order to avoid such omissions in the future, to insist on confirmations of receipts of your letters and using classic post along with the e-mail communication.

Please accept, Mr. García-Sayán, the assurances of my highest consideration.


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