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The Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Special Procedures Branch of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and has the honour to refer to the communication AL RUS 6/2020 dated 11 September 2020.

The Russian Side emphasizes that the communication, which addresses a request to the Executive Branch of power of the Russian Federation to influence the draft law being considered by the State Duma of the Russian Federation (the Legislative Branch of power), not only constitutes interference in the internal affairs of the sovereign State, but also demonstrates utter disregard of the political and legal framework of the democratic order of a country, namely the principle of separation of powers.

The Russian Side regards the above-mentioned communication as a clear attempt to persuade the Executive Branch of power to act in violation of the Constitution of the Russian Federation and engage in anti-democratic activities.

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The Russian Side also considers the Special Rapporteurs' intention to publish a press-release before a reply from the State is received, as a clear lack of interest in the objective, balanced and fair consideration of the matter.

The Permanent Mission avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Branch the assurances of its highest consideration.

