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Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation

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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 Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and, in supplement to note verbale No. 3767 of 30 October 2020, has the honour to transmit herewith additional information from the Russian Federation with reference to the joint communication by the special procedures of the Human Rights Council of 1 September 2020 (AL RUS 5/2020).

The Permanent Mission takes this opportunity to convey to the Office the renewed assurances of its highest consideration.

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Additional information from the Russian Federation with reference to the joint enquiry by the special procedures of the Human Rights Council regarding the case of Danish citizen D.O. Christensen

Reference: AL RUS 5/2020

The Russian Federation continues to monitor the joint enquiry by the special procedures of the Human Rights Council regarding the situation of Danish citizen Dennis Ole Christensen and, in supplement to the information communicated on 30 October 2020 (note verbale No. 3767 from the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva), has the honour to transmit the following information.

In a judgment of 6 February 2019 (upheld by the Orël Province Court on 23 May 2019), Mr. Christensen was convicted by the Zheleznodorozhny District Court, in Orël, under article 282.2 (1) of the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation (Organization of the activities of an extremist organization). Mr. Christensen is currently serving his sentence in correctional colony No. 3 of the Department of the Federal Penal Service for Kursk Province, a federal penal institution. On 26 October 2020, the Lgov District Court, in Kursk Province, considered petitions filed by Mr. Christensen and his counsel, A.N. Bogdanov, to have the unserved portion of his prison term replaced with a milder form of punishment.

In view of Mr. Christensen's erratic behaviour in places of deprivation of liberty, the Lgov District Court rejected these petitions. This decision has yet to acquire legal force and may be appealed within 10 days of the date on which Mr. Christensen received a copy of the relevant ruling.
