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The Permanent Mission of the State of Qatar to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva, presents its compliments to the Chief of the Special Procedures Branch - the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) in Geneva, and has the honor to refer to the joint communication AL QAT 2/2020 dated October 19th 2020, signed by the Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment; the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention; and the Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health, pursuant to Human Rights Council resolutions 43/20, 42/22 and 42/16, and the request made by these Special Rapporteurs to "receive response" within 60 days.

In this connection, and in view of the fact that the needed information entails reaching out a number of relevant authorities to verify the allegations mentioned in the communication, the Permanent Mission would like to convey the request made by the competent authorities **to be granted extra time of one month**, in order for them to respond with the needed information.

The Permanent Mission of the State of Qatar avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Chief of the Special Procedures Branch - the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) in Geneva, the assurances of its highest consideration.



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