
The Permanent Mission would like to remind the Special Procedures Branch that the Russian Federation does not recognize or consider itself bound by General Assembly resolution 68/262.

The wording of the above mentioned communication by the Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers with regard to the Federal Entities of the Russian Federation, namely in the Republic of Crimea and Federal City of Sevastopol, is therefore fully inadmissible. Consequently, the request as it stands cannot be considered by the Russian Federation.

In order for the Permanent Mission to cooperate in an open and constructive spirit with the Branch, the Special Procedures are encouraged to adhere to the relevant and acceptable language of communications addressed to the Russian Federation.

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Geneva
The Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Special Procedures Branch of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights assurances of its high consideration. 

Geneva, 18 December 2020