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Dear Sir/Madam,

I refer to your letter, Reference Number AL MYS 3/2020 of 26 January 2021 conveying a Joint Urgent Appeal (JUA).

I wish to hereby inform you that the Permanent Mission of Malaysia has transmitted the JUA to the attention of relevant Malaysian authorities.

I also wish to assure you that the Malaysian Government takes its engagement with the Human Rights Council's Special Procedures Mandate Holders very seriously, especially on issues concerning human rights situations and welfare of Malaysians.

To facilitate your mandate in addressing pertinent issues stipulated in the Joint Urgent Appeal, the Malaysian Government would need to undertake extensive outreach as well as collect and verify information from all relevant parties. This process will require time, beyond the 60 days allocated after the JUA's transmission.

In this regard, should you decide to express your concern publicly, I kindly seek your kind understanding and flexibility, without any prejudice to Government's response that would be submitted in due course.

Please accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours Sincerely,



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