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The Embassy and Permanent Mission of Islamic Republic of Afghanistan to the United Nations and other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Special Procedures Branch of the Office of the High Commissioner on Human Rights and in reference to the Joint Communication: AL AFH 1/2021 dated 22 February 2021, has the honor to communicate the following:

With reference to this joint communication, we have received the following information:

1. Mr. Adel informed the relevant security entities of the threat he faced. The responsible entities, through protection mechanisms, took special measures to protect Mr. Adel in Kabul. After three weeks, Mr. Adel, without informing those responsible for his security, went to the Ghor province and got killed there. The individual who killed him, [REDACTED] died during an operation for his arrest.

2. The security entities received information on the threats that Mr. Daei faced. For this reason, those entities had invited him to Kabul several times to give him greater protection. Unfortunately, before he arrived to Kabul, he was killed. One person has been arrested by the law enforcement officials in relation to this case and the investigation is underway. We will inform the relevant parties as soon as we finish our investigation.

3. Ms. Maiwand's family did not inform the relevant security and intelligence entities about the threats they received. In addition, the government and local administration of Nangarhar appointed [REDACTED] to a government institution in the Nangarhar province with the aim to provide [REDACTED] with a salary and financial assistance.

4. Since 2017, the Joint Committee for the Protection of Journalists is actively working. The Committee has launched a national protection mechanism for journalists. This mechanism has several special measures on the security side, including taking journalists away and protecting them from threat zones. Up to now, this mechanism has been able to protect several journalists against threats.

Afghanistan gives great importance to the work of Special Procedures and as soon as we receive more information, we will continue to share it.

The Permanent Mission of Islamic Republic of Afghanistan to the UN and other International Organizations in Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Special Procedures Branch of the Office of the High Commissioner on Human Rights the assurance of its highest consideration.

Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)

