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The Permanent Mission of Ukraine 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, with reference to the Note Verbale AL UKR 1/2021 of 26 January 2021, has the honour to transmit herewith the information of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine in response to the Joint Communication of the Special Procedures on the situation of Ukrainian citizens in refugee camps Al-Hawl and Al-Roj, North-East Syria.

The Permanent Mission of Ukraine avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights the assurances of its highest consideration.

Encl.: as stated on 1 page.



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the situation of Ukrainian citizens in refugee camps Al-Hawl and Al-Roj, North-
East Syria**

Questions 1-5

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and other relevant authorities of Ukraine have not been informed in any way of the so-called "registration and verification" procedure, collection of biometric data of foreign citizens residing in the refugee camp Al-Hawl as well as on relocation of several families to the locked-type camp Al-Roj, conducted by the camp's Al-Hawl administration.

Questions 6-7

According to the Law of Ukraine "On Personal Data Protection", the dissemination of personal data without the data subject's consent is prohibited, except for the cases stipulated by the law, and only in the interests of national security, economic welfare and human rights.

Under the Criminal Code of Ukraine, the unlawful collection, storage, use, dissemination and change of confidential information relating to a data subject are punishable by, in particular, a fine of between 8500 UAH to 17000 UAH; arrest for up to six months; or up to three years' imprisonment.

The Code of Ukraine on Administrative Offences establishes administrative liability for violation of the data protection legislation, in particular, for failure to notify or late notification of the data subject on his/her rights concerning the inclusion of his/her personal data in the database; the purpose of data collection, and the details of any entities and/or persons to whom the personal data may be transferred, in the form of a fine between 1700 UAH to 17000 UAH.

Questions 8-12

The issue of repatriation of Ukrainian citizens from the Syrian refugee camps is under control of the highest authorities of Ukraine.

As a result of concerted and consistent actions by the authorities of Ukraine, the first group of citizens (2 women and 7 children) was evacuated from camp Roj on 31 December 2021.

According to reports, at the end of March 2021, there are 40 people (10 women and 30 children) in the above camps who declared their belonging to the nationality of Ukraine and have requested assistance to return to Ukraine.

Given the limited diplomatic and consular capabilities in the territories of the Syrian Arab Republic outside the control of the government forces, as well as the current political and military situations in Syria and Iraq, the processing of organizational,

logistical, and security issues related to the preparation of the relevant repatriation activities is carried out mainly by the Ukrainian special services.

The data on concrete measures being undertaken by the relevant authorities of Ukraine to ensure the returning of Ukrainian citizens from Syrian camps are classified as restricted information.
