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The Permanent Observer Mission of the State of Palestine to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva, presents its compliments to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, Special Procedures Branch, and with reference to joint communication dated 1 July 2021 [AL PSE 3/2021] , concerning the death of Palestinian citizen Mr. Nizar Banat, has the honour to provide an update to the State of Palestine's response of 19 August 2021, detailing the measures and steps taken by the Government of the State of Palestine towards establishing an effective and transparent investigation into the death of Mr. Nizar Banat.

In accordance with the Government of the State of Palestine's obligations and duties under both national and international law and its commitment to the protection and advancement of the political and civil rights of the Palestinian people, the Military Prosecution has, as of 6 September 2021, completed its independent investigation and indicted all 14 officers and members of the Palestinian Preventive Security Service in Hebron, including the commander, who took part of the arrest and later death of Mr. Banat. Based on 1979 Military Penal Code, the 14 officers have been charged with 'beating leading to death by complicity', 'abuse of power', and 'violating military instructions'. The investigation file will be referred to the military court to conduct the trial within the next 48 hours.

Moreover, the Government of the State of Palestine, and as mentioned in its response of 17 August 2021, continues to strengthen existing human rights measures to uphold its obligations under both national and international law, ensure the protection of its citizens, and serve justice and guarantee non-recurrence of human rights violations.

The State of Palestine once again acknowledges and truly appreciates the efforts by Special Procedure Branch, to fulfil their responsibilities under their respective mandates and work closely with the State of Palestine to ensure justice for the unfortunate death of Mr. Banat. The State of Palestine

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will continue to fully provide the Special Procedures Branch with the any updates that may arise concerning the abovementioned case.

The Permanent Observer Mission of the State of Palestine to the United Nations Office, and other international organizations in Geneva, avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, Special Procedures Branch, the assurances of its highest consideration and stands ready to fully cooperate with your Office in order to ensure justice.

