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Dear Ms. Balbin,

Following UN letter (AL ITA 1/2022), dated May 19, 2022, I have the honor to submit Italy's reply to Joint Communication by four UN Special Procedures that have requested Italian Authorities to provide them with information about the situation of three foreign citizens undergoing judicial proceeding.

By this reply, we take the opportunity to reiterate our firm willingness to continue full and extensive cooperation with all UN Special Procedures Mandate-Holders.

Should additional information be made available, allow me to ensure you that we will promptly share it with you.

Please accept, Ms. Balbin, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Gian Lorenzo Cornado

To the attention of UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders; UN Independent Expert on human rights and international solidarity; UN Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants, and UN Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children.

## **ITALY**

# MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION Inter-ministerial Committee for Human Rights Comitato Interministeriale per i Diritti Umani

### **ITALY'S REPLY**

June 8, 2022

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Further to urgent communication (AL ITA 1/2022) dated May 19, 2022, by UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders; UN Independent Expert on human rights and international solidarity; UN Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants, and UN Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children, we are in a position to provide the following information.

At a public hearing held on May 20, 2022, at the First Criminal Section of the Court of Cassation, the proceeding under examination was concluded with the following decision (operative part of the judgement): "annul without referral the challenged verdict because the fact does not exist".

### **Conclusion**

Italy takes this opportunity to reiterate its firm willingness to fully and effectively cooperating with UN Special Procedures Mandate-holders.

Once additional information is made available, we will promptly share it.