Permanent Mission of the Republic of Iraq to the United Nations Office and Other International Organizations in Geneva

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Iraq to the United Nations Office and Other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Special Procedures Division of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and, with reference to joint communication No. IRQ2/2022 concerning the information received by the special procedures mandate-holders regarding the investigation against Mr. Ali Akram al-Bayati, has the honour to transmit the response of the Government of the Republic of Iraq to the joint communication.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Iraq to the United Nations Office and Other International Organizations in Geneva takes this opportunity to convey to the Special Procedures Division of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights the assurances of its highest consideration.

Geneva, 27 June 2022
Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
Special Procedures Division
1. In line with the commitment of the Government of the Republic of Iraq to the principles enshrined in the Constitution, which include freedom of expression and respect for international principles applicable to the status of national human rights institutions, Prime Minister Mustafa Al-Kadhimi decided to refrain from filing an appeal against the investigating judge’s decision, which provided for the release of Mr. Ali al-Bayati, and to close the case against him.

2. Act No. 58 of 2017 concerning the protection of witnesses, experts, informants and victims provides for elaborate mechanisms to protect human rights defenders and other groups mentioned in the legislation from threats and acts of reprisal. The Iraqi legal system has also established other mechanisms to protect civil action. Furthermore, the Government of the Republic of Iraq takes serious action to investigate and prosecute all human rights violations and is building an institutional system to protect human rights.
تهديد الممثلية الدائمة لجمهورية العراق لدى مكتب الأمم المتحدة والمنظمات الدولية الأخرى في جنيف أطرف تحياتها إلى أمانة الأمم المتحدة، مكتب المفوضية السامية لحقوق الإنسان، قسم الإجراءات الخاصة، وبالإشارة إلى البلاغ المشترك المرفد من الإجراءات الخاصة رقم 22/2022، فيما يتعلق بالعلومات التي تلقها المكلفون بالولايات بشأن التحقيق ضد السيد علي أكرم البياتي، تتشرف بإخالة رد حكومة جمهورية العراق على البلاغ المشترك المذكور آنفاً.

تغتنم الممثلية الدائمة لجمهورية العراق لدى مكتب الأمم المتحدة والمنظمات الدولية الأخرى في جنيف هذه المناسبة لتعرب لأمانة الأمم المتحدة، مكتب المفوضية السامية لحقوق الإنسان، قسم الإجراءات الخاصة عن فائق تقديرها واحترامها.

جنفي 27/حزيران/2022

أمانة الأمم المتحدة، مكتب المفوضية السامية لحقوق الإنسان،
قسم الإجراءات الخاصة
(Unofficial Translation)

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Iraq to the United Nations Office at Geneva presents its compliment to the Secretariat of the United Nations, Office of High Commissioner for Human Rights, Special Procedures Branch, and with reference to the joint communication from the Special Procedures ref: IRQ 2/2022, regarding the information that had received by the mandate holders concerning the investigation against Mr. Ali Akram Al-Bayati, has the honour to transmit the response of the Government of Iraq to the aforementioned joint communication.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Iraq avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the United Nations, Office of High Commissioner for Human Rights, Special Procedures Branch, the assurances of the highest considerations.

Geneva, 27th June 2022

The Secretariat of the United Nations, Office of High Commissioner for Human Rights, Special Procedures Branch, Geneva
Response of the Government of Iraq to the Joint Communication
Ref: AL IRQ 2/2022

1. Based on the language of the Iraqi Government's constitutional charter and its commitment to human rights, freedom of expression and the protection of all citizens' rights,

2. In 2017, a law was passed to protect the 8th of March, 2017.

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