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The Permanent Mission of the United Arab Emirates to the United Nations Office and Other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Special Procedures Branch, and with reference to the latter's letter Ref. UA ARE 3/2022, dated 07 December 2022, concerning the joint urgent appeal regarding Mr Sherif OSMAN, has the honour to forward herewith the response as received from the relevant authorities in the United Arab Emirates.

The Permanent Mission of the United Arab Emirates to the United Nations Office and Other International Organizations in Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the Special Procedures Branch, the assurances of its highest consideration.

A blue ink handwritten signature is written over a circular official seal. The seal is green and white, featuring the UAE coat of arms in the center. The text around the seal includes 'الإمارات العربية المتحدة' (United Arab Emirates) in Arabic and 'UNITED ARAB EMIRATES' in English. The outer ring of the seal contains the text 'Permanent Mission of the United Arab Emirates to Geneva'.

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**Permanent Mission of the United Arab Emirates, Geneva**

**Communication concerning Sherif Muhammad Osman (an American and Egyptian national)**

The Permanent Mission of the United Arab Emirates in Geneva presents its compliments to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR). With regard to communication No. UA ARE 3/2022, dated 7 December 2022, containing a joint urgent communication from the Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, the Chair-Rapporteur of the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances, and the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression, we hereby inform you that the authorities have reviewed the communication and wish to state the following in response to the allegations and claims contained therein:

Mr. Sherif Muhammad Osman was arrested in the Emirate of Dubai on 6 November 2022 in response to an international red notice issued against him by the competent Egyptian authorities. As the request for extradition had not been received within the period prescribed in the bilateral agreement signed between the two States on the extradition of criminals, the Public Prosecution Service decided to release Mr. Sherif Osman on 22 December 2022, and he left the country. The person in question appeared in several television interviews after his release, during which he denied the allegations that he had been subjected to torture or ill-treatment.

## بلاغ بشأن المدعو/شريف محمد عثمان ( أمريكي ، مصري الجنسية)

تهدي البعثة الدائمة للإمارات العربية المتحدة في جنيف أطيب تحياته إلى مكتب المفوضية السامية لحقوق الإنسان وإذ تشير لمذكرة المكتب رقم: UA ARE 3/2022 بتاريخ 22/07/2022، والمتضمن بلاغاً عاجلاً مشتركاً من أصحاب الولايات التالية: المقررة الخاصة المعنية بمسألة التعذيب وغيره من ضروب المعاملة أو العقوبة القاسية أو اللاإنسانية أو المهينة والرئيسة – المقررة للفريق العامل المعني بحالات الاختفاء القسري أو غير الطوعي والمقررة الخاصة المعنية بتعزيز وحماية الحق في حرية الرأي والتعبير، ورداً على الادعاءات والمزاعم الواردة في مذكرة الفريق العامل نفيديكم بأن السلطات اطلعت على البلاغ المذكور وتفيد بما يلي:

تم إلقاء القبض على السيد/ شريف محمد عثمان بإمارة دبي بتاريخ 2022/11/06م، وذلك بناء على النشرة الدولية الحمراء الصادرة بحقه من قبل السلطات المصرية المختصة، ونظراً لعدم ورود طلب التسليم في المدة المقررة من الاتفاقية الثنائية الموقعة بين البلدين بشأن تسليم المجرمين. قررت النيابة العامة الإفراج عن السيد/ شريف عثمان بتاريخ 2022/12/22م، وغادر الدولة. كما أجرى المذكور عدة مقابلات تلفزيونية بعد الإفراج عنه، كذب فيها الادعاءات المتعلقة بتعرضه لتعذيب أو المعاملة المسيئة.