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Dear Sir/Madam,

The Permanent Mission of Malaysia to the United Nations and other International Organisations in Geneva refers to Joint Urgent Appeal reference UA MYS 1/2023 dated 21 July 2023 ("the Communication") concerning the alleged disappearance of Madam Thuzar and family in Malaysia, on 4 July 2023.

Without prejudging the accuracy or otherwise of the allegations summarised in the Communication, the Government of Malaysia's initial response to the Communication are as follows:

Firstly, the Government of Malaysia is always committed to promote and protect human rights for all. The Government of Malaysia takes its engagement with the Human Rights Council's Special Procedures Mandate Holders very seriously, especially on issues concerning human rights situations and welfare of vulnerable groups.

Secondly, since the case was reported, the Malaysian authorities has been pursuing a systematic and thorough investigative process. The Government of Malaysia will continue to work closely with all agencies and parties involved to ensure that the investigation is carried out judiciously.

Thirdly, despite not being a Contracting Party or State Party to the 1951 Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees and its 1967 Protocol, the Government of Malaysia assures that it will continue to make its best endeavour in providing assistance to the refugees based on humanitarian grounds.

Please accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rina Hanis Rodzli', with a decorative flourish underneath.

RINA HANIS RODZLI
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