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Dear Special Procedures Mandate Holders,

Attached please find the U.S. response to your letter dated September 4, 2023 requesting
information regarding Mr. Ravil Mingazov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'BR' followed by a long horizontal line.

Branka Bell
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U.S. Response to September 4, 2023 letter requesting information regarding Mr. Ravil Mingazov

Dear Special Procedures Mandate Holders:

Thank you for your letter dated September 4, 2023, requesting information regarding Mr. Ravil Mingazov, who was transferred from the detention facility at the U.S. Naval Station Guantánamo Bay to the United Arab Emirates in January 2017. We are grateful for the work you do across the globe to promote respect for human rights, and for the opportunity to provide the below information concerning U.S. law, policy, and practice.

The United States believes it is in both our national interest and in the interest of those individuals transferred from the Guantanamo Bay facility that each transfer results in a focus by the receiving country on the former detainee's rehabilitation and reintegration into peaceful civilian life. Additionally, under U.S. law and policy, the humane treatment of a detainee upon transfer from the Guantanamo Bay facility is a critical determining factor for any transfer, and we take seriously the task of identifying countries for repatriation or resettlement that will respect the human rights of transferees. We have previously outlined to you the various measures the United States undertakes to ensure that that transfers from the Guantanamo Bay facility are conducted in a manner consistent with the principle of non-refoulement. As the United States has previously underscored, these measures were taken in connection with Mr. Mingazov's transfer, and his transfer was conducted in accordance with applicable legal obligations.

The United States expects receiving countries to act at all times in line with the assurances provided, and we consistently continue to engage with the Government of the United Arab Emirates on Mr. Mingazov's status and to emphasize the need to abide by the humane treatment assurances provided. As your letter notes, we believe that host countries are in the best position post-transfer to provide information on the current situation of resettled or repatriated detainees.

We hope this information is useful to you and look forward to continuing to work with you in a constructive manner.