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Dear Special Procedures Mandate Holders,

Please find enclosed the U.S. response to your letter AL USA 14/2023 dated June 12, 2023.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Branka Bell', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Branka Bell
Acting Deputy Permanent Representative
Human Rights Delegation

U.S. response re. HRD Ms. Tehmina Yenogyan and Orion Mine Finance

Thank you for your June 12 letter raising human rights concerns raised in connection to the Amulsar Gold Project in Armenia and requesting further information on the U.S. government's actions to investigate the matter. We take seriously our duty to protect human rights and expect businesses to respect human rights in line with internationally recognized frameworks such as the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights and the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises on Responsible Business Conduct.

We appreciate that you have brought this matter to our attention, and we have relayed your request for information to the appropriate U.S. government agencies, including the Department of Homeland Security. We will relay any further details we receive to you. Thank you again.