



THE PERMANENT MISSION
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
TO THE
UNITED NATIONS AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
IN GENEVA

August 20, 2024

Tlaleng Mofokeng

Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health
Geneva, Switzerland

Ana Brian Nougrères

Special Rapporteur on the right to privacy
Geneva, Switzerland

Ben Saul

Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism
Geneva, Switzerland

Dear Special Rapporteurs,

Thank you for your continued work and dedication to human rights. We appreciate the sincerity and diligence with which each of you carries out your mandate. Please find enclosed the U.S. response to communication AL USA 17/2024 (106-24) dated July 1, 2024.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michèle Taylor", written over a horizontal line.

Ambassador Michèle Taylor
Permanent Representative to the
UN Human Rights Council

U.S. response re. Mansoor Ahmed Saad Adayfi

We take this opportunity to respond to your joint letter dated July 1, 2024, requesting information regarding Mr. Mansoor Ahmed Saad Adayfi, a Yemeni national who was approved for transfer and then subsequently transferred from the detention facility at the U.S. Naval Station Guantánamo Bay to Serbia in 2016.

The United States believes it is in both our national interest and in the interest of those individuals transferred from the Guantánamo Bay facility that each transfer result in the former detainee's rehabilitation and reintegration into peaceful civilian life. Under U.S. law and policy, the humane treatment of a detainee upon transfer from the Guantánamo Bay facility is a critical factor for any transfer, and the U.S. Department of State takes seriously the task of identifying countries for repatriation or resettlement that will respect the human rights of transferees. This includes obtaining assurances from the receiving country regarding humane treatment, including that transferred individuals will be treated in accordance with applicable domestic and international legal obligations.

As is the case with any receiving country, the United States engages with the government of Serbia regarding the assurances provided in connection with Mr. Adayfi's transfer as may be deemed warranted. The United States respectfully refers any questions you have regarding the specifics of Mr. Adayfi's status and treatment in Serbia to the government of Serbia.

We look forward to continuing to work with you constructively as we pursue our shared goal of responsibly reducing the detainee population at the Guantánamo Bay facility.