Mandates of the Vice-Chair of the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention; the Chair-Rapporteur of
the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances; the Special Rapporteur on the
promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism;
and the Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or
punishment.

REFERENCE: G/SO 214/46-19 G/SO 218/2 G/SO 217/1 Terrorism (2005-4) G/SO 214 (53-24)
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21 October 2011

Excellency,

We have the honour to address you in our capacities as Vice-Chair of the
Working Group on Arbitrary Detention; Chair-Rapporteur of the Working Group on
Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances; Special Rapporteur on the promotion and
protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism; and
Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or
punishment pursuant to General Assembly resolution 60/251 and to Human Rights
Council resolutions 15/18, 16/16, 15/15, and 16/23.

On 2 June 2010, at the fourteenth session of the Human Rights Council, our
mandates presented the joint study on global practices in relation to secret detention in the
context of countering terrorism (A/HRC/13/42). At that time, the importance of follow-up
was highlighted, in particular through the launch of independent enquiries into allegations
contained in the study.

The joint study was part of a consultative process with States and we wish to
thank all States that have facilitated our joint work. In the same spirit of cooperation, we
would like to continue engaging with States in ensuring appropriate follow-up to the joint
study. In this context, we would like to invite your Excellency’s Government to provide
us with information on measures taken to investigate the allegations contained in the joint
study and if found true, to rectify the situation in compliance with international human
rights norms and standards; to implement the related recommendations; and to provide
any other relevant information.

The information provided by your Excellency’s Government will be included in
the next joint communications report presented by Special Procedures and be considered
by our mandates at the nineteenth session of the Human Rights Council.
We thank you in advance for your Excellency’s Government’s anticipated cooperation and for engaging in a dialogue with our respective mandates. It would be most appreciated if your reply could reach the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights by 30 November 2011.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.

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