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Your Ref: OL OTH 14/2018

By post and e-mail: registry@ohchr.org

Dear Madams

Joint communication from Special Procedures (Reference OL OTH14/2018)

We refer to your letter dated 8 May 2018, addressed to Helen Gordon. Ms Gordon has asked me to respond.

We note that, having taken some 9 months to respond to our correspondence, you now request a response from us within 60 days.

We note your mandate from the United Nations Human Rights Council. We understand that special procedures mechanisms are not tasked with undertaking full investigations on the details of all cases brought to their attention. We further accept that you may decide to publicly express your concerns if you consider that this is necessary and appropriate in particular circumstances.

However, we do not consider that the particular circumstances of this matter justified or warranted the public expression of concern prior to allowing us to respond to your letter, for the reasons set out in detail in Helen Gordon's letter to you dated 18 August 2017.

We do not consider that your letter addresses the concerns raised in relation to your actions and your apparent and obvious non-compliance with the Code of Conduct governing your work, as set out in Ms Gordon's letter. We would invite you now to address these.

With regard to your suggestion that a human rights due diligence process may be applicable we would invite you, once again, to review the detailed information referred to (with links provided) in Ms Gordon's letter, about the consultation and engagement activities undertaken by ourselves and others with stakeholders and the local community in regard to the proposed regeneration scheme.

Yours sincerely



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