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**Report of the Special Rapporteur on Extrajudicial, Summary or
Arbitrary Executions, Mr Philip Alston**

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Statement by India

Mr. President,

We thank the Special Rapporteurs Mr Philip Alston and Prof. Yakin Erturk for their informative reports but would like to confine our remarks to a request for more information to Mr Philip Alston.

2. In paragraph 42 of his report on the country visit to Afghanistan, Mr Alston has mentioned that although, in general, he speaks to armed opposition groups during his country visits and fact-finding missions, he did not speak or meet with any representatives of Taliban or other armed groups because of “reservations” held by “various actors” about “political implications of doing so”. We would request the Special Rapporteur to explain who these “various actors” were; what their “reservations about political implications” were; what the “political implications” themselves were; and how these considerations were different from his decision to meet the representatives of LTTE during his visit to Sri Lanka in November-December 2005? Mr President, we would appreciate if the Special Rapporteur could address as clearly and unambiguously as possible as to why such a distinction was made and a different yardstick adopted?

Thank you, Mr. President.