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The Permanent Mission of India to the Office of the United Nations and Other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Special Procedures Branch of the Human Rights Council and has the honour to refer to the press release issued dated 16th July 2021 issued by the Special Rapporteur on adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living, and on the right to non-discrimination in this context, Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders, Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Internally Displaced Persons, Special Rapporteur on minority issues, Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation, Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human right, and the Special Rapporteur on the right to education and requests that the following information may be brought to the attention of the concerned Special Rapporteurs.

“It is unfortunate that the Special Rapporteurs have chosen to issue a Press Release just two days after sending a joint communication to this Mission and not waiting for a response. It is equally unfortunate that the Special Rapporteurs have made disrespectful remarks against the Hon’ble Supreme Court of India. It is a worrying trend and an abuse of the position of the Special Rapporteurs which seriously damages the credibility of the institution of Special Rapporteurs.

India hopes the Special Rapporteurs will undertake genuine efforts to understand the importance of upholding the ‘rule of law’ in any democratic society and should desist from undermining the same.

India is fully aware of its international human rights obligations and has undertaken all requisite steps towards full implementation of all its human rights obligations. India’s commitment to promotion and protection of human rights, including through its membership of the Human Rights Council, is well established.”

2. The Permanent Mission of India to the Office of the United Nations and other International Organizations in Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Special Procedures Branch of the Human Rights Council the assurances of its highest consideration.

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