VERBAL NOTE

The Permanent Mission of Finland to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Committee on Enforced Disappearances and, with reference to the Note of 3 May 2012 by the Secretary-General (CED/SG/GA67), has the honour to inform the latter that the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland is for the moment preparing the ratification of the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance in co-operation with other relevant ministries and authorities.

The Government Bill to the Parliament for the acceptance of the Convention is planned to be delivered to the Parliament at the end of 2012 or in the beginning of 2013.

The Permanent Mission of Finland has the honour to also inform that that options in articles 31 and 32 of the Convention are under consideration in the Working Party on Government Bill.

The Permanent Mission of Finland to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the Committee on Enforced Disappearances the assurance of its highest consideration.

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