The Permanent Mission of the State of Qatar to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva, presents its compliments to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) in Geneva, and with reference to the questionnaire sent by Verbal note dated December 4th 2017, seeking information from Member States, pursuant to Paragraph (40) of the General Assembly resolution 68/268 on "Strengthening and enhancing the effective functioning of the human rights treaty body system", in preparation for the second SG report on the status of the human rights treaty body system to be submitted to the 73rd session of the GA.

Please find below the information received from the Authorities of the State of Qatar with regard to the above issue:

*The State of Qatar is a party to five core human rights treaties:
  1. Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CAT).

*The State of Qatar is committed to submit its initial and periodic reports to the monitoring committees on time.

*The State of Qatar accepted the simplified procedure adopted by the Committee against Torture (CAT), and submitted its third periodic report in accordance with it.

*In future, the simplified procedures of other monitoring bodies will be considered by the State, pursuant to the practical benefits of such reporting procedures and their efficiency.
The Permanent Mission of the State of Qatar avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in Geneva, the assurances of its highest consideration.

Geneva, January 25th 2018

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Extension of deadline: Questionnaire re. General Assembly resolution 68/268

Reference is made to the questionnaire sent by note verbale dated 4 December 2017 seeking information and observations from Member States pursuant to paragraph 40 of General Assembly resolution 68/268 on “Strengthening and enhancing the effective functioning of the human rights treaty body system”, in preparation for the second Secretary-General’s report on the status of the human rights treaty body system to be submitted to the 73rd session of the General Assembly.

Kindly note that the deadline for the submission of replies to the questionnaire has been extended to Monday 5 February 2018.

Please submit the replies to registry@ohchr.org in digital or electronic formats accessible to persons with disabilities, for example, Word or text formats. The responses will be posted as received on the following OHCHR webpage.

http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRTD/Pages/TBStrengthening.aspx

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