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The Permanent Mission of the Syrian Arab Republic 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), Special Procedures Branch, and with reference to the letter of the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery, including its causes and consequences of 17th February 2021 , has the honor to convey the following information on the National procedures in the Syrian Arab Republic related to the “Role of organized criminal groups with regard to contemporary forms of slavery”:

In 2010, Legislative Decree No. 3 related to preventing and combating trafficking in persons was issued, giving special attention to women and children who are victims of this trafficking. The legislator assigned the Ministry of Social Affairs the task of supporting the victims of trafficking and established by Article (17) a specialized department in the Ministry of Interior; while Article (18) assigned this department with many tasks at

the local level and the external cooperation with all countries or organizations concerned with information or coordination bodies. The second paragraph of this Article stipulates the following: to organize and provide a database for information, investigations, and statistical purposes, in addition to other aspects related to the crimes of trafficking in persons and communicate them to the concerned authorities.

The Permanent Mission of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) Special Procedures Branch, the assurances of its highest consideration.



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