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The Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations and, with reference to the latter's Note No. LA/COD/50/1 dated 11 January 2022 regarding the request to provide information and observations on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 76/106 of 9 December 2021 entitled "Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission", has the honor to provide the following:

The Islamic Republic of Iran has taken legislative measures to give effect to its obligations under the UN Charter as well as other relevant instruments, such as the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations. The Islamic Republic of Iran commits not only to the preparation of a tranquil environment for the work of UN officials in Iran but also to bringing to justice those who violate the laws against them. In the same vein, my Government also expects UN officials and experts on mission in the Islamic Republic of Iran to fully adhere to the rules and regulations of the Country.

The Islamic Republic of Iran considers that the state of nationality is the appropriate forum for the prosecution of alleged crimes.

Consistent with the relevant provisions of resolution A/76/106, the Penal Code as well as the Law of Criminal Procedure of the Islamic Republic of Iran provide legal bases necessary for the effective prosecution of the crimes committed by Iranian nationals wherever they have committed such crimes, including those serving as UN officials or experts on mission. Our criminal system is committed to ensuring that Iranian nationals are not able to escape from justice under the pretext of immunity for crimes they have committed.

The Islamic Republic of Iran asserts extraterritorial jurisdiction over crimes committed abroad by its nationals based on the principle of nationality if that offence has been recognized by Iranian Penal Code. In addition, criminal judicial assistance as well as extradition are permitted by our criminal law based on both bilateral and multilateral treaties as well as the principle of reciprocity in the absence of such agreements on a case-by-case basis.

The Law of Criminal Procedure of the Islamic Republic of Iran also predicts effective protection for witnesses and victims who provide information in relation to crime.

The Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.

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