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**Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations Office  
and other international organizations in Geneva**

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The Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and has the honour to transmit herewith information from the Russian Federation in response to the joint enquiry by special procedures of the Human Rights Council, UA RUS 10/2021 of 30 September 2021.

The Permanent Mission takes this opportunity to convey to the Office the renewed assurances of its highest consideration.

Addendum: as mentioned, 2 pages

Geneva, 12 November 2021

Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

Geneva

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**Information from the Russian Federation in response to the joint enquiry by special procedures of the Human Rights Council concerning the case of Chupik Valentina Valentinovna**

Reference: UA RUS 10/2021 of 30 September 2021

The Russian Federation, having studied the aforementioned enquiry, has the honour to report that the law enforcement authorities of the Russian Federation have carried out checks into the situation of Chupik Valentina Valentinovna, born on 7 September 1973 in Tashkent in the Uzbek Soviet Socialist Republic, and have established the following.

By a decision of the Office of the Federal Migration Service of the Russian Federation for the city of Moscow, dated 11 July 2010, Ms. Chupik was recognized as a refugee owing to her persecution in the Republic of Uzbekistan for her human rights activities (her refugee status was subsequently extended until 11 June 2022). Accordingly, on the basis of article 8.1 of Federal Act No. 4528–1 of 19 February 1993, the Refugees Act, Ms. Chupik was issued with a travel document entitling her to travel abroad and to return to the Russian Federation.

On 12 September 2021, Ms. Chupik flew from Sheremetyevo International Airport in Moscow to Yerevan, returning on the night of 24-25 September 2021. While at border control, she was notified in writing by authorized officials that, pursuant to article 27 (1) (1) of Federal Act No. 114-FZ of 15 August 1996 on Procedures for Exiting and Entering the Russian Federation, on 16 September 2021 the Federal Security Service of the Russian Federation had issued a decision prohibiting her from entering the Russian Federation for 30 years, that is until 2051, in order to maintain State security and public order.

In addition, by a decision of the Deputy Head of the Central Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Russian Federation for the city of Moscow, dated 17 September 2021, Ms. Chupik was stripped of her refugee status. The identity card and travel document she presented at passport control were therefore confiscated as invalid. She was not, however, placed under administrative arrest or held in special premises for such cases, and no procedural documents were drawn up in relation to her.

In this regard, in accordance with the provisions of the Convention on International Civil Aviation (Chicago Convention) of 7 December 1944, Ms. Chupik was invited to return to the Republic of Armenia after obtaining new documents to certify her identity. While awaiting her documents, she was accommodated in a separate room equipped with a toilet, wash basin and space

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for rest, and thus suitable for lodging, in the restricted area of Sheremetyevo Airport. After receiving a passport issued by the Embassy of the Republic of Uzbekistan in the Russian Federation, on 2 October 2021 Ms. Chupik flew voluntarily to Yerevan.

In the meantime, on 28 September 2021 the Border Control Office of the Federal Security Service of Russia received petitions from the lawyer K. G. Zharinov, who was acting on behalf of Ms. Chupik, concerning the revocation of her refugee status and the granting of access to her. The petitions were promptly transmitted to the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Russian Federation and the Sheremetyevo Airport administration for substantive consideration, in accordance with the established procedure.

No criminal proceedings were instituted against Ms. Chupik, and no searches were conducted of her home or those of her relatives, including her mother [REDACTED]. The checks carried out uncovered no violations of the laws currently in force that would require the procuratorial authorities to take measures in response.

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