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Excellency,

We have the honour to refer to our letter dated 25 June 2018 and in this regard would like to inform you of recent clarifications received with regard to the allegation of acts of reprisals against two organizations, Anti-Discrimination Memorial and Human Rights Movement Bir-Duino Kyrgyzstan.

It appears that the decision of the Oktyabrsky District Court in January 2017 did not in fact designate the above organizations as terrorist and extremist groups nor were their activities banned. With respect to the submission by the above organizations to the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families in April 2015, the court decision, however, does refer to the alternative report as extremist material, and mere possession of such material constitutes a criminal offence punishable by up to five years in prison.

Notwithstanding the above clarification, we reiterate our request for a meeting with your Excellency when we will be in Geneva for the 29th session of the Committee (3 to 12 September 2018); reference is made to the note verbale of the Secretary-General to the Permanent Mission dated 3 August 2018. Please contact the Secretary of the Committee (Brad Smith) to make the necessary arrangements at bsmith@ohchr.org.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.

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