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**Subject: The negative impact of the non-repatriation of funds of illicit origin to the countries of origin on the enjoyment of human rights**

 The Secretariat of the Human Rights Council Advisory Committee, presents its compliments to all Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office and other international organizations at Geneva, and has the honour to refer to resolution 34/11 of the Human Rights Council on “The negative impact of the non-repatriation of funds of illicit origin to the countries of origin on the enjoyment of human rights, and the importance of improving international cooperation.” The resolution is attached for ease of reference.

 Paragraph 31 of the resolution requests “the Human Rights Council Advisory Committee to conduct a study, in continuation of the study requested by the Human Rights Council in its resolution 31/22, on the possibility of utilizing non-repatriated illicit funds, including through monetization and/or the establishment of investment funds, while completing the necessary legal procedures, and in accordance with national priorities, with view to supporting the achievement of the Goals of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, contributing to the enhancement of the promotion of human rights and in accordance with obligations under international human rights law, and to submit the requested study to the Council at its thirty-ninth session.”

 In addition, paragraph 32 of the resolution requests the Advisory Committee, when preparing the above-mentioned study, to seek further views and the input of Member States, relevant international and regional organizations, United Nations bodies, including the Office of the High Commissioner, and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, national human rights institutions and non-governmental organizations and other relevant stakeholders in order to finalize the above-mentioned study.

 Furthermore, it should be noted that at its thirty-eighth session, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the time for the Advisory Committee to complete the study so that it is submitted to the Council at the forty-second session taking place in September 2019.

 The Human Rights Council Advisory Committee welcomes the input of your respective governments concerning, names of recognized experts, concrete data, statistics, best practices and major challenges in the utilization of non-repatriated illicit funds with view to supporting the achievement of the Goals of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development as mentioned in paragraph 31 referred to above.

 We would be grateful if any information recipients may wish to provide could be sent to the Secretariat of the Advisory Committee **by 30 November 2018**:

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 The Secretariat of the Human Rights Council Advisory Committee avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office and other international organizations at Geneva, the assurances of its highest consideration.

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