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HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

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Dear Mr. Emmerson,

I would like to thank you for your letter dated 3 March 2015, informing me that you are not able to submit your report and hold the interactive dialogue during the ongoing session and asking for a postponement to the 29th session in June 2015.

I regret that you have not been able to send this request earlier, when the current annual work programme or the draft programme for this session were considered, keeping also in mind that reports to be considered at the 28th session were expected to be submitted to conference services in December 2014.

As President of the Human Rights Council, I must urge you to honor your reporting obligations to the Council in order to allow for the implementation of the annual calendar of thematic resolutions, to strengthen transparency and predictability, as well as to ensure that there is no protection gap.

With regard to the June session (15 June – 3 July), I would strongly encourage you to submit the report in accordance with the prescribed deadlines to allow first sufficient time for the report to be made available in all UN languages and second to ensure a meaningful dialogue with delegations and civil society. The Secretariat will inform you of the date and time of your interactive dialogue in due course.

For transparency reasons, I will upload our correspondence on the Extranet.

Joachim Ruecker
President of the Human Rights Council



Mr. Ben Emmerson
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