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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Suriname to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and has the honour to refer to a letter from the Special Rapporteur on the right to freedom of opinion and expression requesting Member States to provide relevant information on the interrelatedness between the right to freedom of opinion and expression and the right to privacy in the digital domain.

In this regard the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Suriname wishes to provide the following information received from its Headquarters:

The Republic of Suriname has not enacted any specific legislation with regard to the questions raised by the Special Rapporteur in the letter dated 16 January 2015.

Article 19 of the Constitution of Suriname states: “Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression through the printed press or other means of communication, subject to the responsibility of all as set forth in the law”.

Please be informed that legislation is currently being drafted by the relevant authorities in Suriname to accommodate online communication within Government institutions to further the E-Government approach.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Suriname to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights the assurances of its highest consideration.

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