

*(Translated from Arabic)*

**State's reply to the joint communication concerning Obaid al-Zaabi and the children of Mohammed al Siddiq**

**1. Obaid Yousef al-Zaabi**

He has not been detained in connection with any criminal case and he was previously acquitted of all charges. He remains in the psychiatric hospital because he is suffering from a bipolar affective disorder characterized by mood swings and dwindling perception, judiciousness and capacity for sound judgment. He has been provided with the requisite treatment and his condition has improved through the administration of mood stabilizers. He has been permitted to communicate with his relatives, who have visited him in the hospital.

**2. The children of Mohammed Abdul Razzaq al-Siddiq**

They were summoned to the Department of Migration in Sharjah with a view to presenting all their official documents. On arrival, they were informed of the decree concerning the revocation of citizenship. It should be noted that their father's citizenship was revoked in December 2011.

The citizenship of the aforementioned persons was withdrawn pursuant to the provisions of the Nationality and Passports Act, which provides for naturalization through affiliation. Given that the children of Mr. Al-Siddiq were granted citizenship after citizenship was granted to their father, the legal justification for the citizenship of his children lapsed when the father's citizenship was revoked in accordance with the constitutional and legislative provisions. Hence, their citizenship was revoked.

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The Permanent Mission of the United Arab Emirates to the United Nations Office and Other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the *Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression* and the *Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders*, and with reference to the latter's letter no. AL ARE 1/2016 of 20 April 2016 concerning Mr Obaid Yousef AL-ZAABI and the children of Mohammed Abdul Razzaq AL-SIDDIQ, has the honour to forward herewith the response as received from the relevant authorities in the United Arab Emirates.

The Permanent Mission of the United Arab Emirates to the United Nations Office and Other International Organizations in Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the *Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression* and the *Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders* the assurances of its highest consideration.



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## رد الدولة على البلاغ المشترك بشأن المدعو عبيد الزعابي و أبناء محمد الصديق

### 1. المدعو/ عبيد يوسف الزعابي:

غير محبوس على ذمة أي قضية جنائية، سبق ان تمت تبرأته من جميع التهم المنسوبة اليه ولايزال في مستشفى الامراض النفسية، إذ يعاني من الاضطراب الوجداني ثنائي القطب يتسم في حالته بزيادة توارد الأفكار مع تدني البصيرة والحكمة والقدرة على الحكم الصائب على الأمور خلال فترات نشاط المرض، وقد أعطي العلاج اللازم وتحسنت حالته من خلال صرف مثبتات المزاج، علماً بأنه تم السماح له بالتواصل مع اقاربه وقاموا بزيارته في المستشفى.

### 2. أبناء محمد عبدالرزاق الصديق:

تم استدعائهم الى دائرة الجنسية في الشارقة لاحضار جميع الوثائق الرسمية الخاصة بهم، وعند وصولهم تم ابلاغهم بالمرسوم الصادر بشأن سحب جنسيتهم، مع العلم أنه تم سحب جنسية ابيهم في ديسمبر 2011م.

حيث تم سحب الجنسيات الخاصة بالمدعويين عملاً بأحكام قانون الجنسية و جوازات السفر الذي ينص على أحكام التجنيس بالتبعية، ونظراً لأن أولاد المدعو الصديق قد تم منحهم الجنسية بعد أن تم تجنيس والدهم وبعد أن تم سحب الجنسية عن المذكور وفقاً للإجراءات الدستورية والقانونية المتبعة فقد سقط المسوغ القانوني لتجنيس المذكورين ومن ثم تم سحب الجنسية عنهم.