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Dear Prof. Filippov,

Thank you for your letter addressed to the High Commissioner Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein on 29 October 2014. On his behalf and on the occasion of the celebration of the 55th anniversary of the People's Friendship University of Russia, we extend our congratulations to you and to your staff for completing 55 years with success. Your University has unique experience in preserving the spirit of diversity and developing sound multi-ethnic and multicultural learning environment within the education system of the Russian Federation.

OHCHR has been closely working with the People's Friendship University of Russia on the set-up of the first multidisciplinary Human Rights Master's Programme in the Russian Federation. The project is implemented by the Consortium of Russian universities with PFUR playing a lead role. This project contributes to the development of a culture of human rights, rule of law and non-discrimination amongst youth and professionals and encompasses an intensive theoretical grounding on universal and regional mechanisms of human rights protection with interactive practice-oriented thematic modules. Working with the People's Friendship University of Russia has been an honour and we highly value its efforts in promoting integration of human rights education in the higher education system of the Russian Federation in the context of the World Programme for Human Rights Education.

We would like also to underline on this occasion our partnership with the University to facilitate capacity-building of indigenous peoples in the Russian Federation through development and implementation of practical-oriented training programme on international human rights mechanisms and national protection systems.

We look forward for continuing our cooperation and hope that the People's Friendship University of Russia reaches to new heights in the future and wishing you success for many years to come.

Yours sincerely,

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