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Excellency,

I heard few moments ago the shocking and sad news of the untimely passing of H.E. Mr. Vitaly Churkin, Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations. I wish to extend my delegation's deep sympathy and condolences to the family and Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation.

My delegation stands with you on this difficult moment and it shall keep Ambassador Churkin in its thoughts and prayers. May he rest in peace.

Please, Excellency, accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

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