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The Permanent Mission of Spain to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations and wishes to express its deep sorrow for the passing of H.E. Ambassador Vitaly I. Churkin.

Ambassador Churkin's outstanding personal qualities, his excellent relations with his colleagues, together with his profound knowledge and experience in all UN matters, have made him a figure of reference in the UN family. His absence leaves a void which will not be easy to fill.

In the case of Spain, we have had the privilege of working closely with Ambassador Churkin during our last two-year tenure as non-permanent members of the Security Council, where we have benefited from his knowledge and his passion for advancing the work of the SC and the UN at large, and specially from his human qualities and sympathy, which we will miss.

The Permanent Mission of Spain would like to convey, on behalf all its personnel and of the Spanish Government, its most sincere condolences to the spouse of Ambassador Churkin, Mrs. Irina Y. Churkina, as well as to the Ambassador's family during these hard times.

The Permanent Mission of Spain avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation the assurances of its highest consideration.



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