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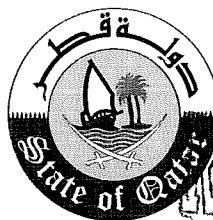
**OPEN-ENDED INTERGOVERNMENTAL EXPERT GROUP
ON THE STANDARD MINIMUM RULES FOR THE
TREATMENT OF PRISONERS**

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**RESPONSE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF QATAR¹
TO NOTE VERBALE CU 2013/129/DO/JS**

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The Permanent Mission of the State of Qatar to the United Nations presents its compliments to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, and in reference to the latter's Note Verbale dated 30 August 2013 (Ref. CU2013/182/DO/JS), requesting Member States to submit at the latest by 30 September 2013, drafting proposals for revision of the Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners in the nine areas identified in Operative Paragraph 5 of the ECOSOC Resolution (E/RES/2013/35), entitled "*Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners*".

In this regard, the Permanent Mission of the State of Qatar to the United Nations has the honor to inform that the Secretariat working paper which was agreed to be a basis for discussions, in the Buenos Aires meeting of December 2012, is agreeable in principle to the Government of the State of Qatar.

The Permanent Mission of the State of Qatar to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime the assurances of its highest consideration.



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