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The Secretary-General of the United Nations (Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights) presents his compliments to the Permanent Representative of Austria to the United Nations Office at Geneva and has the honour to transmit herewith the text of the Views, adopted by the Human Rights Committee on 8 August 2003, concerning communication No. 998/2001 submitted to the Committee for consideration under the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, on behalf of Mr. Rupert Althammer et al.

In accordance with established practice, the text of the Views will be made public.

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