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The Permanent Mission of the Sultanate of Oman to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Office for Disarmaments Affairs and has the honour to refer to the latter’s note no. ODA/20-2016/IED dated 8 February 2016, regarding the implementation of resolution 70/46 entitled “Countering the threat posed by improvised explosive devices” adopted by the General Assembly on 7 December 2015.

The Permanent Mission of the Sultanate of Oman has further the honour to inform that the competent authorities in Oman indicated that there is no stockpile of all types of improvised explosive devices in Oman, and that such devices are not available for civilian use, including the excavation of roads and other civilian and official uses. In addition, the local laws of the Sultanate of Oman prohibit the manufacturing, selling, circulating of fireworks and explosives, and that all types of stockpiles of conventional ammunition and their waste products, as well as the mechanism of deposing of them are under the control of the Royal Army of Oman and other military and security apparatuses; and that there are no previous accidents which fall under the threat posed by the manufacturing of improvised explosive devices.

The Permanent Mission of the Sultanate of Oman to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office for Disarmaments Affairs the assurances of its highest consideration.