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Excellency,

In my capacity as Special Rapporteur for Follow-up on Concluding Observations of the Human Rights Committee, I have the honour to refer to the examination of the second periodic report of the Czech Republic at the Committee's 90th session, held in July 2007. At the end of that session, the Committee's concluding observations were transmitted to your Permanent Mission. You may recall that in the final paragraph 21 of the concluding observations, the Committee requested the Czech Republic to provide within one year further information regarding the specific areas of concern identified in paragraphs 9, 14 and 16 of the concluding observations.

On 18 August 2008, the State party provided information on these paragraphs. At its 94th session, held in October 2008, the Committee noted that the information provided was incomplete. On 16 December 2008, my predecessor wrote to your Permanent Mission requesting additional information on the above mentioned paragraphs, in particular on (a) the steps taken to establish an independent mechanism outside the Ministry of Interior for the investigation of complaints concerning actions of law enforcement officials (paragraph 9); (b) the number and outcome of disciplinary and criminal proceedings initiated against alleged perpetrators, as well as any compensation granted to victims, of police misconduct (paragraph 9); (c) the content, coverage and mandatory character of police training on the criminal nature of the excessive use of force (paragraph 9); (d) measures taken to ensure that an effective judicial review of the lawfulness of the admission and detention of persons in psychiatric confinement takes place in each case (paragraph 14); (e) the establishment of effective monitoring mechanisms and adoption of indicators and benchmarks to determine whether anti-discrimination goals have been achieved (paragraph 16); (f) programmes to train Roma for employment (paragraph 16); (g) measures taken to prevent forced evictions and housing segregation of Roma (paragraph 16); and (h) public information campaigns to overcome prejudice against Roma (paragraph 16).

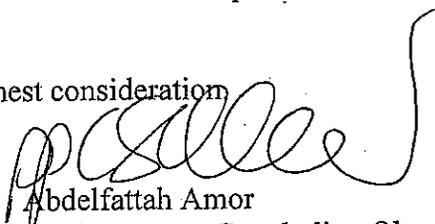
During its 95th session, held in New York in March 2009, the Committee noted that no such information had been received. On 6 May 2009, my predecessor wrote to your Permanent Mission reminding the State party to submit at its earliest convenience additional information on the issues outlined above. During its 96th session, held in July 2009, the Committee noted that no such information had been received.

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I therefore seize this opportunity to remind the State party to submit at its earliest convenience the additional information on the issues outlined above. A Word electronic version of the report should be sent to the Secretariat of the Human Rights Committee (Ms. Carolin Schleker, cschleker@ohchr.org, copy to Ms Nathalie Prouvez, nprouvez@ohchr.org). The Committee looks forward to pursuing a constructive dialogue with the authorities of Czech Republic.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration



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