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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 third periodic report of Barbados at the Committee's 89th session held in March 2007. At the end of that session, the Committee's concluding observations were transmitted to your Permanent Mission. You may recall that, in paragraph 15 of the concluding observations, the Committee requested that further information be provided within one year on the specific areas of concern identified in paragraphs 9, 12 and 13 of the concluding observations.

At its 96th session, held in July 2009, the Committee considered the follow-up report submitted on 3 and 23 March 2009. The Committee noted with appreciation that the recommendation regarding the abolition of the mandatory death penalty had been implemented (paragraph 9). It also noted that the recommendations regarding the complete abolition of the death penalty (paragraph 9), the elimination of corporal punishment as a legitimate sanction and discouraging its use in schools as well as the eventual abolition of corporal punishment (paragraph 12) and the decriminalization of sexual acts between consenting adults (paragraph 13) had not been implemented and, therefore, considered the follow-up procedure completed in these regards.

In addition, the Committee noted that the information provided was incomplete with regard to paragraph 13. On 29 July 2009, my predecessor wrote to your Permanent Mission requesting additional information on the measures taken to specifically protect homosexuals from harassment, discrimination and violence. During the 99th session, held in July 2010, the Committee noted that the requested information had not been received. The Committee, therefore, sent a reminder through a letter dated 23 April 2010.

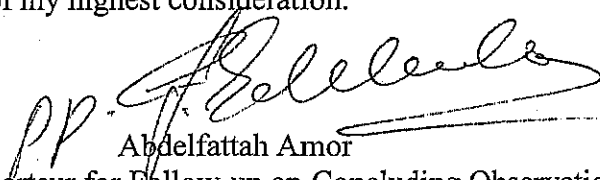
Therefore, I write to request that the above-mentioned additional information be submitted at Your Government's earliest convenience. A Word electronic version of the reply should be sent to the Secretariat of the Human Rights Committee (Mr. Anganile Mwenifumbo, amwenifumbo@ohchr.org).

The Committee looks forward to pursuing its constructive dialogue with the authorities of Barbados on the implementation of the Covenant, and, in that context, to receiving your response to my enquiry at your earliest convenience.

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Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'PP. Abdelfattah Amor', written over a horizontal line.

Abdelfattah Amor
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