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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 89<sup>th</sup> 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 the State party to provide within one year further information on the specific areas of concern identified in paragraphs 9, 12 and 13 of the concluding observations.

On 11 June and 22 September 2008, reminders were sent to the Permanent Mission, observing that the information sought by the Committee had not yet been provided. At its 94<sup>th</sup> session, held in October 2008, the Committee noted that the requested information remained outstanding. During the 95<sup>th</sup> session of the Committee, held in March 2009 in New York, the former Special Rapporteur met with the ambassador of the Permanent Mission, who conveyed the follow-up report of Barbados.

At its 96<sup>th</sup> session, held in July 2009, the Committee noted with appreciation that the recommendation regarding the abolition of the mandatory death penalty has 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) have not been implemented and therefore considers the follow-up procedure completed in these regards.

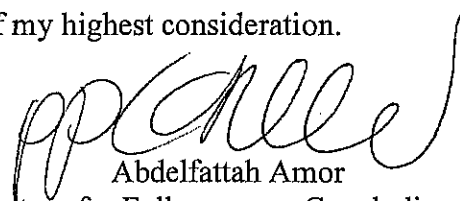
The Committee also noted that the information provided was incomplete with regard to paragraph 13. On 29 May 2009, my predecessor wrote to your Permanent Mission requesting additional information on the measures taken to specifically protect homosexuals from harassment, discrimination and violence.

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I therefore seize this opportunity to remind the State party to submit at its earliest convenience additional information on this issue. A Word electronic version of the reply should be sent to the Secretariat of the Human Rights Committee (Ms Nathalie Prouvez, [nprouvez@ohchr.org](mailto:nprouvez@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.

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



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