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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 Ireland, at the Committee's 93rd session, held in July 2008. At the end of that session, the Committee's concluding observations were transmitted to your Permanent Mission. You may recall that, in paragraph 25 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 11, 15 and 22 of the concluding observations.

Ireland's follow-up report was submitted on the 3rd of July 2009. The Committee noted that the information provided was largely satisfactory as a whole, although the information provided in relation to the implementation of paragraph 11 was considered partially incomplete. On 4 January 2010, a letter was sent to your Permanent Mission requesting additional information, in particular on:

- (a) how and how often terrorist acts have been investigated and prosecuted, including information on the length of pre-trial detention and access to a lawyer in practice (paragraph 11);
- (b) the safeguards in place when relying on official assurances (paragraph 11);
- (c) the mandate of, and the work carried out by, the Cabinet Committee on Aspects of International Human Rights in relation to monitoring traffic through Irish airports (paragraph 11).

During the 99th session of the Committee, held in Geneva in July 2010, the Committee noted that information sought by the Committee had not yet been provided.

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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 Ireland on the implementation of the Covenant.

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



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