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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 former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia at the Committee's 92nd session, held in March 2008. At the end of that session, the Committee's concluding observations were transmitted to your Permanent Mission. You may recall that, in paragraph 21 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 12, 14, and 15 of the concluding observations.

On 31 August 2009, the State party provided information on these paragraphs. At its 98th session, held in March 2010, the Committee noted that the recommendation to undertake a new investigation regarding the allegations made by Mr. al-Masri (paragraph 14) has not been implemented.

The Committee also noted that the information provided was incomplete with regard to certain recommendations and I therefore seize this opportunity to request additional information from the State party, in particular on:

(a) the concrete measures adopted to ensure that the Law on Amnesty is not applied to the most serious human rights violations, crimes against humanity and war crimes, and that all such human rights violations and crimes are thoroughly investigated, those responsible brought to justice and that adequate reparation is made to the victims and their families (paragraph 12); and

(b) the steps taken to review the practices and procedures whereby the State party would never perpetrate acts such as those alleged by Mr. al-Masri (paragraph 14).

The State party is also invited to keep the Committee informed of any new information and data concerning the situation of IDPs (paragraph 15).

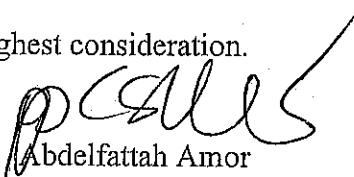
A Word electronic version of any additional information should be sent to the Secretariat of the Human Rights Committee (Ms Nathalie Prouvez, nprouvez@ohchr.org).

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The Committee looks forward to pursuing its constructive dialogue with the authorities The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia of on the implementation of the Covenant, and, in that context, to receiving your response to my enquiry without further delay.

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



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