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Excellency,

In my capacity as Special Rapporteur for Follow-up to Concluding Observations of the Human Rights Committee, I have the honour to refer to the examination of the fourth periodic report of the Netherlands at the Committee's 96th session, held in July 2009. At the end of that session, the Committee's concluding observations were transmitted to your Permanent Mission. You may recall that, in paragraph 29 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 7, 9 and 23 of the concluding observations.

At its 100th session, held in October 2010 in Geneva, the Committee noted information from the State party in which it alerted it to the fact that it would not be in a position to provide a follow-up response until after the deadline.

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 (Ms. Kate Fox, kfox@ohchr.org, copied to Sindu Thodiyil, sthodiyil@ohchr.org). The Committee looks forward to pursuing its constructive dialogue with the authorities of the Netherlands on the implementation of the Covenant.

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


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