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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 follow-up to the examination of the sixth periodic report of Norway.

At the end of its 103rd session, the Committee transmitted its concluding observations to your Permanent Mission. You may recall that, in paragraph 17 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 5, 10 and 12 of the concluding observations.

Follow-up information on the paragraphs referred to was received on 19 November 2012. At its 107<sup>th</sup> session, held in March 2013, the Committee noted that the information provided was incomplete and requested additional information from the State party. On 27 June 2013, the Committee provided additional information to the Human Rights Committee. At its 110<sup>th</sup> session, held in March 2014, the Committee requested additional information from the State party.

On 14 January 2015, the State party sent complementary information to the Human Rights Committee. At its 114<sup>th</sup> session, held in July in Geneva, the Committee analysed this information and adopted the following decisions:

- On paragraph 5:

**[D1]** The Committee noted that there is no evidence of any review of the legislation subsequent to the Committee's recommendations. Therefore, the Committee reiterated its recommendation.

**[B2]:** The Committee welcomes the legislative measures taken by the State party to establish a new independent national institution of human rights. The State party should submit additional information on:

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- (a) the shape of the new national human rights institution;
- (b) the precise mandate, objectives, activities, and monitoring mechanisms of the new institution;
- (b) the progress and implementation of the draft act; and
- (c) whether the draft act is in full compliance with the Paris Principles.

- On paragraph 10:

**[B2]:** (a) the Committee requires information on the concluding assessment and recommendations made by the Directorate and the steps considered and/or taken by the Ministry of Health and Care Services.

**[B1]:** (b) the Committee requires information on the suggestions made by the work group to improve data quality, measures foreseen in the national strategy to strengthen the monitoring and reporting system in mental health care institutions and its impact.

**[B2]:** (c) the Committee welcomes steps taken by the State party to prepare guidelines for the prevention and reduction of coercion. The Committee requests additional information regarding the status, content and implementation of the guidelines, as well as information on the procedure preceding the use of force and restraint. The Committee reiterates its recommendation.

**[C1]:** (d) the Committee regrets that the State party has not implemented the Committee's recommendations to end the unjustified use of coercive force and restraint of psychiatric patients. The committee also regrets that no progress has been made to implement the guidelines and establish a register for the use of ECT. The Committee reiterates its recommendation.

Taking into account that the next periodic report of the State party is due by 2 November 2016, the Committee considered that the follow-up procedure has come to an end. Nonetheless, the State party is required to provide the Committee with information on the issues referred to in the context of its seventh periodic report.

The Committee looks forward to pursuing its constructive dialogue with the authorities of Norway on the implementation of the Covenant.

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



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