16 November 2012

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 the Russian Federation at the Committee’s 97th session, held in October 2009.

At the end of that session, the Committee’s concluding observations were transmitted to your Permanent Mission. You may recall that, in paragraph 30 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 13, 14, 16 and 17 of the concluding observations.

On 22 October 2010, follow-up information on the referred paragraphs was received. At its 102nd session held in July 2011, the Committee analysed the follow-up reply provided by the State party and decided that additional information was necessary.

On 19 October 2011, a letter was sent to your Permanent mission to request additional information on paragraphs 13, 14, 16 and 17. And a reminder was sent on 30 April 2012, requesting the pending information to be sent by the State party at Your Government’s earliest convenience by 20 July 2012.

At its 106th session held in October 2012, the Committee noted that the referred information had not been received.

The next session of the Human Rights Committee will take place in March 2013. If the State party wishes the referred information to be taken into account on that occasion, the reply should be sent in a Word electronic version to the Secretariat of the Human Rights Committee by 15 February 2013 (Kate Fox, kfox@ohchr.org and Albane Prophette-Pallasco, aprophette@ohchr.org).

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

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

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