31 July 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 follow-up to the examination of the sixth periodic report of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

At the end of its 93rd session, the Committee transmitted its concluding observations 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 9, 14 and 16 of the concluding observations.

On 18 August 2008, the State party provided information on these paragraphs. At its 94th session, held in October 2008, the Committee noted that the information provided was incomplete. On 10 December 2008, my predecessor wrote to your Permanent Mission requesting additional information from the State party on the above mentioned paragraphs.

On the 20 November 2010, information was provided by the State party. At its 101st session, held in March 2011, the Committee noted that the answers provided on paragraph 9 and part of paragraph 14 were largely satisfactory. Nonetheless, the Committee considered that the information was incomplete with regard to part of paragraph 14 and paragraph 15. On 19 October 2011, the State party sent a new reply that was analysed by the Committee at its 104th session. The Committee then decided that complementary information remained necessary. On 27 April 2012, the Committee sent a letter to the State party, requesting additional information on these issues.

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At its 105th session, held in July 2012 in Geneva, the Committee noted that no reply had been received, and that the seventh periodic report of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland was due on 31 July 2012. I therefore seize this opportunity to remind the State party to submit its report, including information on the issues raised by the Committee in its letter sent on 27 April 2012. In the event that the sixth periodic report has already been drafted, the requested information can be provided in an addendum to the report.

The Committee looks forward to pursuing a constructive dialogue with the authorities of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

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

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