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Excellency,

I wish to inform you that the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, in the course of its 95<sup>th</sup> session, considered the follow-up report submitted by the Government of the Argentine Republic, pursuant to Article 9 (1) of the Convention, and Rule 65 (1) of the Rules of Procedure of the Committee.

The Committee welcomes the submission of the report, in response to its request to receive information within one year on the implementation of the recommendations contained in paragraphs 15, 24 (a) and (b), 26 (b) and (c) of the Concluding Observations (CERD/C/ARG/CO/21-23), adopted following the consideration of the State party's combined 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> periodic reports, at its 91<sup>th</sup> session held in November/December 2016.

The Committee appreciates the opportunity provided to continue its dialogue with the State party, and would like to draw the State party's attention to the observations mentioned below. The Committee requests that comments and responses on actions taken by the State party on these issues be included in its 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> periodic reports to be submitted in a single document by 4 January 2020.

**Paragraph 15 of the Concluding Observations:** The Committee thanks the State party for its answer, and recommends that the State party: (1) accelerate the appointment process of a new Ombudsperson as well as the Ombudsperson for audio-visual communications services; and (2) take measures to ensure that the appointment of the Ombudsman is determined by merit, ability and integrity. The Committee requests that the State party provide information on these measures in its next periodic report.

**Paragraph 24 of the Concluding Observations:** The Committee thanks the State party for its answer, while however regretting that some information requested is lacking, especially with regard to measures taken to address harassment, intimidation or threats to the physical safety of indigenous persons, and cases where the State party has prosecuted and sanctioned perpetrators of such acts. Accordingly, the Committee requests that the State party provide in its next periodic report: (1) specific measures it has implemented to combat harassment, intimidation or threats to indigenous persons; (2) detailed information

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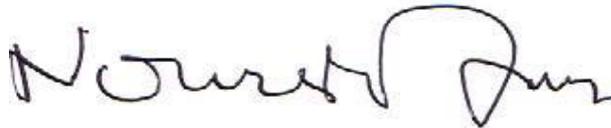
on the protection measures provided in such cases; (3) cases where it has prosecuted and sanctioned perpetrators of such acts; (4) information on the expected completion date of the cadastral survey to determine indigenous land rights ; and (5) information on complaints received regarding attempted forced evictions of indigenous peoples, and measures the State party has taken to address these.

**Paragraph 26 (b) and 26 (c) of the Concluding Observations:** The Committee thanks the State party for its response, and requests that it provide in its next periodic report: (1) detailed information concerning complaints received for acts of intimidation, threats, harassment or violence against human rights defenders and their outcome (prosecution, conviction); and (2) information on any specific measures targeting human rights defenders, members of indigenous communities, peoples of African descent and migrants, to ensure they have effective access to justice and benefit from due process guarantees.

Rest assured, Excellency, that the Committee looks forward to continuing its constructive dialogue with the Government of the Argentine Republic, with a view to providing it with assistance in its efforts to ensure the effective implementation of the Convention.

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

Yours sincerely,



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