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Excellency,

I wish to inform you that the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, in the course of its 90th session, considered the follow-up report submitted by the Government of Denmark, pursuant to Rule 65 (1) of the Rules of Procedure of the Committee.

The Committee welcomes the timely submission of the report, in response to its request to receive information within one year on the implementation of the recommendations contained in paragraphs 10 and 15 of the Concluding Observations (CERD/C/DNK/CO/20-21), adopted following the consideration of the State party's combined 20th to 21st periodic reports, at its 86th session in May 2015.

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 22nd to 24th periodic reports to be submitted in a single document on 8 January 2019.

Paragraph 10 of the Concluding Observations: The Committee thanks the State party for its reply. It appreciates the information on the measures taken by the Danish National Police to combat racism. It would be interested to learn about tangible results and impact of such measures. The Committee regrets however that no information was received on other measures taken by the State party to combat racism, xenophobia and intolerance, such as awareness-raising campaigns, including through the media, prosecution of alleged perpetrators and results of relevant juridical cases, facilitating access to justice by victims of discrimination, etc. Therefore, the Committee requests that the State party include such information in its next periodic report. The Committee also wishes to receive data concerning prosecution of hate speech crimes, including pursuant to article 266b of the State party's Criminal Code, as well as on measures to combat prejudices and xenophobia especially associated with political discourse. The Committee moreover wishes to receive information about progress achieved in developing an action plan on racism.

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Paragraph 15 of the Concluding Observations: The Committee appreciates the information provided by the State party on the various initiatives taken to facilitate access to the labour market by immigrants, especially refugees and family reunified persons. The Committee encourages the State party to continue implementing these measures and provide detailed information in its next report on the impact of such measures, including updated statistical data. The Committee regrets however the lack of information on measures to improve integration in the labour market by other minorities, and particularly the Roma. The Committee therefore reiterates its recommendation to expand and strengthen its initiatives to improve the integration of non-citizens and persons belonging to minorities, including Roma, in the labour market, and provide relevant information in its next periodic report.

Rest assured, Excellency, that the Committee looks forward to continuing its constructive dialogue with the Government of Denmark, 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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