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Excellency,

I wish to inform you that the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, during its 102nd session, considered the follow-up report submitted by the Government of Kyrgyzstan, 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 9 (c), 22 (a) and 28 of the Concluding Observations (CERD/C/KGZ/CO/8-10), adopted following the consideration of the State party's combined 8th to 10th periodic reports, at its 95th session, held in April-May 2018.

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 combined 11th and 12th periodic reports, to be submitted in a single document by 5 October 2022.

Paragraph 9 (c) of the Concluding Observations

The Committee deeply regrets that Mr. Azimjan Askarov passed away in prison on 25 July 2020, five days after the State party reported to the Committee that "Mr. Askarov's state of health is satisfactory. He is being monitored by the medical staff of the correctional colony and regularly receives the treatment he requires." The Committee considers this recommendation not satisfactorily addressed and urges the State party to fully implement Recommendations of paragraph 9 (a), (b) and (d) of Concluding Observations CERD/C/KGZ/CO/8-10, and to provide an update on this in its next periodic report.

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Paragraph 22 (a) of the Concluding Observations

The Committee notes the information provided by the State party on the cases of persons convicted in connection with the June 2010 violence, but considers this recommendation not satisfactorily addressed due to the lack of information on the setting up of a hybrid national/international mechanism to review the cases. The Committee requests that the State party provide this information in its next periodic report.

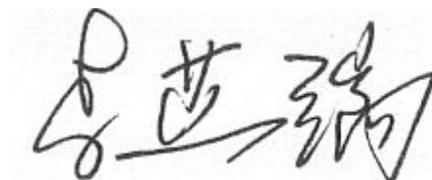
Paragraph 28 of the Concluding Observations

While the Committee welcomes the information provided by the State party on steps taken to promote bi- and multilingualism in its schools and on the support provided to native-language teachers, the Committee regrets the lack of information on the allocation of specific budgetary resources necessary for the provision of good quality mother tongue education, and on measures taken to reintroduce Uzbek language instruction in schools, in particular in light of the reported sharp drop in Uzbek language teaching following the 2010 violence. The Committee considers this recommendation not satisfactorily addressed and requests that the State party provide, in its next periodic report, updated information on further measures taken to implement the recommendation.

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



Yanduan Li
Chair

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