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Excellency,

I wish to inform you that the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, in the course of its 95th session, considered the follow-up report submitted by the Government of Portugal, 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 13 (c), 13 (d), 15 (a) and 21 (a) of the Concluding Observations (CERD/C/PRT/CO/15-17), adopted following the consideration of the State party's combined 15th to 17th periodic reports, at its 91st 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 18th and 19th periodic reports to be submitted in a single document by 23 September 2019.

Paragraph 13 (c), 13 (d) of the Concluding Observations: The Committee thanks the State party for the information it provided on efforts to train law enforcement officers and members of the judiciary on human rights and diversity, and on various public awareness meetings held on crime prevention and trust building. The Committee requests that the State party provide in its next periodic report: (1) additional information on the racial discrimination-related content of community engagement activities by law enforcement officers; and (2) additional information about the progress of the "Hate No More" project set up in February 2016.

Paragraph 15 (a) of the Concluding Observations: The Committee thanks the State party for the information it provided on the adoption of the new anti-discrimination law. The Committee requests that the State party provide in its next periodic report: (1) detailed information about the content of the law, as concerns the definition and

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prohibition of racial discrimination, hate speech, incitement to racial hatred, and other racist hate crimes; (2) information and statistics revealing the implementation of the law; and (3) information on the work of the Network of Local Support Centres for the Integration of Migrants (CLAIM).

Paragraph 21 (a) of the Concluding Observations: The Committee thanks the State party for the information it provided concerning the implementation of the National Roma Integration Strategy. It requests that the State party provide in its next periodic report detailed information and statistics about the concrete outcomes of the Strategy, and the work of the Consultative Group for the Integration of Roma communities.

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

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