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Excellency,

I write to inform you regarding the letter the Committee sent to your Permanent Mission on 13 December 2019, regarding the situation of Roma in the Russian Federation under consideration under the early warning and urgent action procedure of the Committee, at its 100th session held from 25 November to 13 December 2019. The Committee regrets that the State party has not yet provided information in response to this letter.

In the letter of 13 December 2019, the Committee referred to information received about allegations that an inter-ethnic confrontation involving Roma and non-Roma took place in the village of Chemodanovka, Penza Oblast in June 2019. According to this information, around 900 local Roma persons had to flee while allegations also included arbitrary detention and inhuman treatment committed by law enforcement officers.

The information also alleged that anti-Roma pogrom occurred in Ust-Abakan, Republic of Khakassia, in May 2019. A conflict between Romani people and Russian persons resulted in the death of a young Russian man. Around 500 Roma people fled the village because of threat and intimidations. According to information received, Roma were subject to a Court order to demolish around 15 of their houses, without alternate option for resettlement.

The Committee recalls its general recommendation No. 27 (2000) on discrimination against Roma and previous concluding observations recommending the Russian Federation to adopt measures to combat hate crimes and racist hate speech and to combat racial discrimination against Roma (CERD/C/RUS/CO/23-24, para 16 and 22). The Committee raised concerns about violent attacks against Roma and considers its recommendations on Roma of particular importance (CERD/C/RUS/CO/23-24, para 39).

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In accordance with Article 9(1) of the Convention and article 65 of its Rules of Procedure, the Committee would be grateful to receive a response to the above allegations as soon as possible, at the latest on 30 October 2020.

Allow me, Excellency, to reiterate the wish of the Committee to continue to engage in a constructive dialogue with the Government of the Russian Federation, with a view to assisting it to implement the Convention effectively.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of stylized Chinese characters.

Yanduan Li

Chair

Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination