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Excellency,

I wish to inform you that the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, in the course of its 94th session, considered the follow-up report submitted by the Government of Ukraine, 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 16 and 18 of the Concluding Observations (CERD/C/UKR/CO/22-23), adopted following the consideration of the State party's combined 22nd and 23rd periodic reports, at its 90th session held in August 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 24th to 26th periodic reports to be submitted in a single document by 6 April 2020.

Paragraph 16 of the Concluding Observations: The Committee regrets that the replies of the State party do not address the effective implementation of its legislation with regard to organizations promoting racial hatred and propaganda. The Committee reiterates its recommendation and urges the State party to ensure that its legislation is applied fully and effectively. It requests the State party to provide detailed information in its next periodic report on the proper implementation of this recommendation including on any progress made in investigating, prosecuting and punishing organizations that promote activities which amount to incitement to racial hatred and racist propaganda in accordance with article 4 of the Convention.

Paragraph 18 of the Concluding Observations: The Committee appreciates the measures taken by the State party to conduct trainings and raise awareness on the amendments made to criminal offences motive specification. It encourages the State party to pursue these efforts. However, the Committee regrets that its recommendation to the State party to

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remove the requirements that prevent the effective implementation of article 161 of the Criminal Code has not yet implemented. It therefore reiterates its recommendation and requests the State party to proceed with the necessary legislative amendments and to provide information on their implementation in its next report, including data on investigation, prosecutions, sentences, punishments and compensation.

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