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Excellency,

In our respective capacities as Chairperson of the Committee against Torture and Rapporteur of the Committee for Follow-up to Concluding Observations, we have the honor to refer to the follow-up to the examination of the sixth and seventh periodic reports of Sweden, in accordance with the Guidelines for Follow-Up to Concluding Observations (CAT/C/55/3).

At the end of its 53rd session, the Committee transmitted its concluding observations to your Permanent Mission. The Committee's concluding observations (CAT/C/SWE/CO/6-7, para. 22) requested the State Party to provide within one year further information on the specific areas of concern identified in paragraphs 7, 8(a), 14 and 15(a) of the concluding observations.

On behalf of the Committee, allow us to express appreciation for your letter of 26 November 2015, providing your Government's response on the above-mentioned paragraphs (CAT/C/SWE/CO/6-7/Add.1), and to make the following comments:

Fundamental legal safeguards (para. 7)

The Committee appreciates the extensive and thorough information provided the State party, which responds to the recommendation, and considers that initial steps have been taken to implement it (3/B2).

Imposition of restrictions, including isolation (para. 8)

The information provided is considered extensive and thorough, and the Committee considers that substantive steps have been taken towards the implementation of its recommendations (3/B1).

Investigations (para. 14)

The Committee considers the information provided as being extensive and substantive, which shows that steps have been taken towards the implementation of the recommendations made (3/B1).

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Hate crimes (para. 15)

The Committee appreciates the information provided by the State party which addresses its recommendations, and considers that initial steps have been taken to implement them (3/B2).

The Government of Sweden is encouraged to provide additional information, if any, which may further contribute to the Committee's analysis of the progress made regarding the specific issues of concern. This additional information may be provided in any subsequent report by the State party pursuant to the Committee's request in its concluding observations on the sixth and seventh periodic reports of Sweden.

The Committee looks forward to a continued constructive dialogue with the authorities of Sweden on the implementation of the Convention.

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.

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