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Excellency,

I refer to your letter of 14 August 2015 and to the information provided in response to the Committee's letter of 15 May 2015, in which it raised concerns about the situation of the indigenous Shor people in Myski municipal district, Kemerevo Oblast, in particular allegations of the destruction of the Shor villages of Kazas and Chuvashka resulting to the threat of the survival of the Shor, as distinct community.

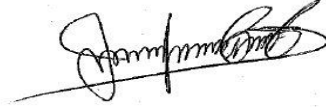
The Committee would like to thank your Government for its response and takes note of its contents.

In accordance with Article 9(1) of the Convention and Article 65 of its Rules of Procedure, the Committee urges the State party to submit its twenty-third to twenty-fourth periodic reports which are due by 6 March 2016. The Committee requests the State party to include further information on the issues outlined above, in particular on the effective meaningful consultations with freely elected representatives of Shor villages and measures to effectively implement the free, prior and informed consent for any decisions affecting indigenous peoples. The Committee also requests information on the outcomes of investigations, and if appropriate, prosecutions and sanctions in relation to the destruction of the five remaining houses of Kazas that took place between November 2013 and March 2014, and the compensation provided to victims as well as measures taken to protect the Shor activists involved, from any intimidation and harassment. The Committee would like to inform your Government that it will discuss these issues further in the context of the consideration of these forthcoming periodic reports.

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Allow me, Excellency, to reaffirm 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 with the effective implementation of the Convention.

Yours sincerely,



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