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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 third periodic report of Lithuania, in accordance with the Guidelines for Follow-Up to Concluding Observations (CAT/C/55/3).

At the end of its 52nd session, the Committee transmitted its concluding observations to your Permanent Mission. The Committee's concluding observations (CAT/C/LTU/CO/3, para. 29) requested the State Party to provide within one year further information on the specific areas of concern identified in paragraphs 10, 11 and 19 of the concluding observations.

On behalf of the Committee, allow us to express appreciation for your letter of 9 June 2015, providing your Government's response on the above-mentioned paragraphs (CAT/C/LTU/CO/3/Add.1), and to make the following comments:

Fundamental legal safeguards (para. 10)

The Committee appreciates the extensive and thorough information provided by the State party on the legal framework and practice with regard to compliance with fundamental legal safeguards immediately upon deprivation of liberty. However, the Committee would appreciate receiving information regarding the extent to which these rights are respected in practice (2/B1).

Pre-trial and administrative detention (para. 11)

The Committee appreciates the extensive and thorough information provided by the State party, which addresses the recommendation. The Committee finds that substantive steps have been taken towards its implementation, but would nevertheless appreciate receiving updated information regarding the number of pre-trial detainees in order to be able to monitor the impact of the steps taken (3/B1).

Conditions of detention in police arrest houses (para. 19)

The Committee appreciates the substantive steps taken by the State party to close and/or renovate police arrest houses. It would, however, appreciate receiving information about which standards the State party applies with regard to conditions of detention during police custody and on the current status of their implementation (3/B1).

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The Government of Lithuania 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 third periodic report of Lithuania.

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

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.

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