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Excellency,

In my capacity as Special Rapporteur for Follow-up to Concluding Observations of the Human Rights Committee, I have the honour to refer to the additional (third) follow-up report provided by Ireland (<u>CCPR/C/IRL/CO/4/Add.1</u>, 25 July 2017) on the implementation of the recommendations contained in paragraphs 10, 11, and 15 of the concluding observations (<u>CCPR/C/IRL/CO/4</u>) adopted by the Committee on 23 July 2014.

The Committee has been reviewing its follow-up procedures with a view to making them more efficient. While this is an ongoing process, the Committee decided already at its 121st session (16 October-10 November 2017) to request States parties to provide one follow-up report. A second follow-up report will only be requested in appropriate cases.

In view of the above, the Committee decided to discontinue the follow-up procedure in respect of Ireland. The third follow-up report of the State party (<u>CCPR/C/IRL/CO/4/Add.1</u>) will be taken into account in the context of the next reporting cycle.

The Committee looks forward to pursuing its constructive dialogue with the State party on the implementation of the Covenant.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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