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Dear Ms. Fuller,

In my capacity as Special Rapporteur for Follow-up on Concluding Observations of the Human Rights Committee, I have the honour to refer to follow-up to the examination of the report submitted by the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo on the human rights situation in Kosovo since June 1999.

Following our meeting on the 20 July 2011, UNMIK sent a letter to the Human Rights Committee stating that “the realities on the ground in Kosovo have effectively removed UNMIK’s authority and capacity to implement the recommendations contained in the Committee’s concluding observations”, and that “notwithstanding (its) inability to implement the recommendations, UNMIK is able to liaise with and share information with other actors involved in the promotion of human rights in Kosovo (UNMIK Pillar III), the European Union Rule of Law Mission in Kosovo (EULEX), the UN Kosovo Team and the Kosovo Property Agency. These actors interact with Kosovo agencies which act as the main local coordinating mechanisms and drivers of the process of implementing human rights commitments in Kosovo”.

During its 102nd session held in October 2011, while taking note of the Mission’s inability to implement the recommendations included in the follow-up process, the Committee acknowledged UNMIK’s commitment to coordinate the preparation of a consolidated report between the other actors involved in the promotion of human rights in Kosovo.

The next session of the Human Rights Committee will take place in March 2012. If the State party wishes the referred information to be examined on this occasion, a Word electronic version of the reply should be sent to the Secretariat of the Human Rights Committee by 1 February 2012 (Kate Fox (kfox@ohchr.org) and Albane Prophette-Pallasco (aprophette@ohchr.org)).

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

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Christine Chanet'.

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