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Excellency,

In my capacity as Chairperson of the Human Rights Committee, I have the honour to refer to the follow-up to the examination of the fourth periodic report of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela at the 114th session, held in July 2015.

You may recall that, in paragraph 24 of the concluding observations (CCPR/C/VEN/CO/4), the Committee requested the State party to provide, within one year (i.e. 21 July 2016), information on the implementation of recommendations contained in paragraphs 14, 15, 17 and 18 of the concluding observations.

A letter of reminder for the required information was sent to your Permanent Mission on 6 December 2016. Nonetheless, this information has still not been received. On 31 October 2017, the Special Rapporteur for Follow-up to Concluding Observations, Mr Mauro Politi, met with the Deputy Permanent Representative of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to discuss this issue and seek the submission of the outstanding follow-up report by 31 January 2018.

In view of the delay in submitting the requested follow-up information, and expressing its serious concern about the current situation of human rights in the State party, in particular with regard to the areas identified in paragraphs 14 (*observance of human rights in the context of demonstrations*), 15 (*independence of the judiciary*), and 17 (*alleged intimidation, disparagement, threats and/or attacks against journalists, human rights defenders and lawyers and alleged arbitrary detention of some members of the political opposition*) of the concluding observations, the Committee requests the State party to provide, **by 31 January 2018**, the outstanding information on the implementation of the four recommendations selected for the follow-up procedure.

The State party is also kindly requested, when submitting its reply to the Committee, not to reiterate information that has already been provided but rather to focus on the measures taken to implement the recommendations selected for the follow-up procedure since the adoption of the concluding observations in July 2015.

The reply should be sent in Microsoft Word electronic version to the Secretariat of the Human Rights Committee (ccpr@ohchr.org). The follow-up report should not exceed a maximum of 3,500 words.

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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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Yuji Iwasawa".

Yuji Iwasawa,

Chairperson, Human Rights Committee