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Excellency,

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 third periodic report of Slovak Republic.

At the end of that session, the Committee's concluding observations were transmitted to your Permanent Mission. You may recall that, in paragraph 28 of the concluding observations, the Committee requested the Slovak Republic to provide within one year further information on the specific areas of concern identified in paragraphs 7, 8 and 13 of the concluding observations.

Follow-up information on the paragraphs referred to was received on 28 March 2012. At its 106<sup>th</sup> session, held in October 2012, the Committee noted that the information provided was incomplete and requested additional information from the State party.

On 29 April 2013, the State party sent complementary information to the Human Rights Committee. At its 109<sup>th</sup> session, held in October in Geneva, the Committee analysed this information and adopted the following decisions:

- On paragraph 7: The Committee considered that the State party has not taken measures to implement the recommendation.
- On paragraph 8: With regard to training for law enforcement personnel, while the Committee appreciated the fact that some training has been carried out by the State party, it required more information on the frequency of this training and whether they integrated the Manual on Effective Investigation and Documentation of Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (Istanbul Protocol).

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On the mechanism of investigation, the Committee regretted that no information was offered on whether compensation has actually been provided to victims of racial attacks. The Committee considered that additional information is necessary concerning the mechanism for the investigation carried out by the special section of the Ministry of Interior in order to assess its adherence to international standards of investigation, including impartiality. Moreover, the Committee noted that no information was provided on the prosecution and punishment of law enforcement officers who committed such crimes.

- On paragraph 13: The Committee considered that the State party's reply lacks information (a) on how in practice it is guaranteeing that the fully informed consent of women is obtained prior to sterilization; and (b) on if and how the implementation of the Act No. 576/2004 is monitored. The Committee considered that additional information is necessary on the draft decree prepared by the Ministry of Health on guidelines to be followed prior to obtaining the women's consent and performing the sterilization, and on steps taken to ensure its implementation.

Taking into account that the next periodic report of the State party is due by 1 April 2015, the Committee considered that the follow-up procedure has come to an end. Nonetheless, the State party is required to provide the Committee with information on the issues referred to in the context of its fourth periodic report.

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

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

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