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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 examination of the sixth periodic report of Norway at the 103rd session of the Committee.

At the end of that session, the Committee's concluding observations were transmitted to your Permanent Mission. You may recall that, in paragraph 17 of the concluding observations, the Committee requested the State party to provide within one year further information on the specific areas of concern identified in paragraphs 5, 10 and, 12 of the concluding observations. On 3 December 2012, the Committee received the follow-up report of the State party. The Committee analysed the information provided at its 107th session in March 2013, and adopted the following decisions:

- Paragraph 5: **Additional information remains necessary** on (i) the decision made by the inter-ministerial group on the shape of the new national human rights institution; (ii) the precise mandate, objectives, activities, and monitoring mechanisms of the new institution.
- Paragraph 10: **Additional action is required** (i) to reduce the use of force against mental health patients; (ii) to strengthen the monitoring and reporting system in mental health care institutions. Data is required on the use of coercive force, including electroconvulsive treatment, in the mental health care system.
- Paragraph 12: **Additional information is required on:** (i) the precise criteria for "unconditional necessity" of pre-trial detention of children and (ii) on the measures taken to ensure that children are systematically held separately from adults.

His Excellency Mr. Steffen Kongstad
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representative



The next follow-up report of the Human Rights Committee will be adopted in October 2013. If the State party wishes the referred information to be taken into account on that occasion, the reply should be sent in a Word electronic version to the Secretariat of the Human Rights Committee by 1 July 2013 (ccpr@ohchr.org and Kate Fox: kfox@ohchr.org).

The Committee looks forward to pursuing its constructive dialogue with the Hungarian authorities 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'.

Christine Chanet
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