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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 follow-up to the examination of the first periodic report of Kazakhstan at the 102nd session, held in July 2011.

At the end of that session, the Committee's concluding observations were transmitted to your Permanent Mission. You may recall that, in paragraph 30 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 7, 21 and 25 of the concluding observations.

On 27 July 2012, the follow-up report was received from the State party. At my request, I also had a meeting with Mr. Yerlan Alimbayev in representation of your Permanent Mission on 25 March 2013. Following that meeting, the Committee received complementary written information.

At its 107th session, the Committee analyzed all the information provided and adopted the following decisions:

- Paragraph 7: The Committee considered that additional measures remain necessary to adopt the bill related to the instauration of the National Prevention Mechanism, and to provide the Ombudsman with the material and human resources that are necessary for the full exercise of its functions.
- Paragraph 21: The Committee noted that additional measures remain necessary to strengthen the independence of the judiciary and its role as unique administrator of justice and to ensure the competency, independency and immovability of judges. The Committee reiterated its recommendation and expressed its concern by the information received that 400 judges were dismissed during the last two years.

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- Paragraph 25: The Committee considered that no new measures were adopted by the State party to that regard. The Committee reiterated its recommendation.

During the 109th session of the Committee, held in Geneva in October 2013, the Committee noted that information sought by the Committee had not yet been provided. Therefore, I write to request that the above-mentioned additional information be submitted at Your Government's earliest convenience.

The next follow-up report of the Human Rights Committee will be adopted in March 2014. If the State party wishes the information referred 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 **5 January 2014** (Kate Fox: kfox@ohchr.org and Fernanda Santana: fsantana@ohchr.org).

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

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

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