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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 the follow-up to the examination of the fifth periodic report of Hungary.

At the end of its 100th session, the Committee transmitted its concluding observations to your Permanent Mission. You may recall that, in paragraph 23 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 6, 15 and 18 of the concluding observations.

On 15 August 2012, the Committee received the reply of the State party. At its 107th session held in March 2013, the Committee analysed the referred information and took the following decisions:

- Paragraph 6: Additional information is requested on (i) the implementation of Act No. CXII of 2011, particularly in terms of the assessment of the programmes that have an impact on the implementation of the Covenant; (ii) the measures taken to guarantee the full compatibility of the implementation of Sections 5 and 6 of Act No. CXII which determine the lawful cases of personal data handling “for the purpose of measuring the progress” of “the multiannual Roma programme”.
- Paragraph 15: Additional measures remain necessary with regard to the following issues: (i) the revision of the conditions of the alien-policing detention carried out in autumn 2012; (ii) the measures taken in the context of the March 2012 Plan of Action to support the police to improve the conditions of alien detention; (iii) the countries identified as “safe” in the Asylum Act.

Additionally, the Committee noted that no information was provided with regard to the issue of refoulement of Somali and Afghan asylum seekers (the State party provided information on the procedure applied in cases of refoulement to Ukraine).

His Excellency
Mr. András Dékány
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representative



Paragraph 18: Additional information remains necessary on the following issues: (i) training organised for judges, magistrates and prosecutors (the follow-up reply only provided information on the training carried out for the police); (ii) main conclusions of the STEPPS programme with regard to the modalities and efficiency of identity checks by the police and the extent to which they particularly affect specific social groups; (iii) number of complaints and decisions taken with regard to “antisocial conduct on account of another person’s real or perceived belonging to a national, ethnic, racial or religious group or to certain groups of the population”.

The Committee further noted that no information was provided with regard to the investigations, prosecution and punishment involving members of the Magyar Gárda and reiterates its request to that regard.

The next follow-up report of the Human Rights Committee will be adopted in October 2012. 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.

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