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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 Uzbekistan.

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 Uzbekistan to provide within one year further information on the specific areas of concern identified in paragraphs 8, 11, 14 and 24 of the concluding observations.

Follow-up information on the paragraphs referred to was received on 1 February 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 11 February 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 8: On subparagraph (a), the Committee considered that no response to the specific request for additional information has been provided; on subparagraph (b), the Committee considered that no reply was received on the revision of regulations governing the use of firearms by authorities.
- On paragraph 11: The Committee considered that the State party repeats its previous reply and provides no information on the specific issues as requested in the Rapporteur's letter of 13 November 2012.
- On paragraph 14: The Committee considered that the recommendation has not been implemented. No measures appear to have been taken to amend the existing 72-hour period of detention of persons suspected of having committed an offence before bringing them before a judge. The Committee also noted that the State party's reply lacks information on measures taken to ensure that the legislation governing judicial control of detention (habeas corpus) is fully applied throughout the country.

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- On paragraph 24: The Committee considered that the recommendation has not been implemented. The Committee noted that no new measures appear to have been taken since the examination of the State party's report and that the State party denies the existence of the problem. The Committee also noted that no information was provided on the review of the provisions on defamation and insult and on the measures taken to ensure that these provisions are not used to harass, intimidate, or convict journalists or human rights defenders.

Taking into account that the fourth periodic report of Uzbekistan was submitted by the State party on 5 April 2013, the Committee decided that the follow-up procedure has come to an end.

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

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

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