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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 third periodic report of Ireland.

As recalled in my letter sent on 2 August 2011, the State party submitted its follow-up report on 3 July 2009 on paragraphs 11, 15 and 22 of the concluding observations. The Committee noted that the information provided on paragraphs 15 and 22 was largely satisfactory, but requested additional information on paragraph 11.

On 21 December 2010, additional information was submitted on the referred paragraph. At its 101st session, while taking note of the cooperativeness of the State party, the Committee considered that the information was incomplete with regard to the results of the activities developed by the Cabinet Committee on the following issues related to paragraph 11:

- (a) how and how often terrorist acts have been investigated and prosecuted, including information on the length of pre-trial detention and access to a lawyer in practice;
- (b) safeguards in place when relying on official assurances (concrete information is required on the safeguard measures taken to rely on official assurances).

Finally, the Human Rights Committee noted that its recommendation on the length of pre-trial detention (four months) had not been implemented.

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On the 9 May 2011, a letter was sent to your Permanent Mission requesting that the above-mentioned additional information be submitted to the Committee, and a letter of reminder was sent on 2 August 2011.

During its 103rd session held in July and October 2011, the Committee regretted not to have received any reply to this reminder. Therefore I write to request that the above-mentioned additional information be submitted to the Committee at Your Government's earliest convenience.

The next session of the Human Rights Committee will take place in March 2012. If the State party wishes the referred information to be examined on this occasion, a Word electronic version of the reply should be sent to the Secretariat of the Human Rights Committee by 20 January 2012 (Albane Prochette-Pallasco, (aprochette@ohchr.org)).

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

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

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