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**Re: Additional information to our submission on India / ICCPR ahead of LoI from May 13, 2019, on behalf of UNMM Manipur, and further communications.**

*NGO Parallel Report on India ahead of the consideration of the List of Issues for India specially on grave human right violation under the environment of AFSPA during the 126th session of the HRCttee (1 to 26 July, 2019)*

Dear Expert Members of CCPR:

In addition to our submission on India May 13 (see above), we would like to draw your attention to the latest incident in which Ms. Natacha Urikhimbam was involved. She is 21 years old and studying in BA 5th Semester in the DM University, Manipur. Natacha Urikhimbam is daughter of Mr. Nobokishore Urikhimbam, Director of UNMM, and Sobita Mangsatabam, Director of Women’s Movement, both acknowledged human rights defenders.

After counter-checking with the parents and based on their confirmation, we would like to present the following:

On 4 July 2019, at around 6:30pm, a group of unidentified men riding in a four-wheel drive fired shots at Natacha Urikhimbam. She was driving to her grandfather’s home with her sister-in-law and a child when a four-wheel drive packed with six to seven unidentified men started trailing their vehicle closely and honking at them continuously. The men in the four-wheel drive then proceeded to verbally abuse Natacha Urikhimbam and her friends before overtaking them.

The men continued to follow and harass Natacha Urikhimbam and her companions from the opposite side of the road, all the way until they arrived at her grandfather’s home. Upon their arrival, Natacha Urikhimbam and her companions stepped out of their car and shouted back at the men in the four-wheel drive. Following this, the driver of the four-wheel drive started to open fire on Natacha Urikhimbam and her companions before speeding away toward Canchipur. Natacha Urikhimbam and her companions were physically unharmed during the incident as they managed to seek shelter inside the house.

The parents, Nobokishore Urikhimbam and Sobita Mangsatabam believe that the attempted shooting of their daughter is in retaliation of the human rights defenders’ work in defence of indigenous peoples’ and civil rights in Manipur, as this is not a first attack. Unidentified sources in the local government indicated that the ultimate reason for the attack may be found in the submission report to ICCPR and the OHCHR-desk on reprisals as well as to obstacle the intention of Nobokishore Urikhimbam to attend the planned HRComm Session.

Adivasi-Koordination (registered NGO) in Germany, which serves as intermediary due to security reasons, is deeply concerned about the attempt on the life of Natacha Urikhimbam – and her parents – as we believe that it is motivated by their peaceful and legitimate activities in defence of human rights.

Please, include this incident into the submission sent in May and take due action towards the Government of India and the State Government of Manipur respectively, in order to particularly guarantee the physical and psychological integrity and security of Nobokishore Urikhimbam, Sobita Mangsatabam, and Natacha Urikhimbam and further family members.

Best regards,

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