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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, and to the letters exchanged between the State party and the Human Rights Committee since July 2009 on paragraphs 11, 15, and 22 of the concluding observations.

As recalled in my letter sent on 17 November 2011, the State party submitted its first follow-up report on 3 July 2009. The Committee then 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 provided was incomplete, and that its recommendation on the length of pre-trial detention (four months) had not been implemented.

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

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On 31 January 2012, the Committee received a reply from the State party. During its 104th session in March 2012, the Committee examined the referred reply and, taking note of the cooperation of the State party, considered that the information provided does not include new elements with regard to the definition of "terrorist acts" since the examination of the last periodic report and the follow-up letters exchanged, and that the referred recommendation had therefore not been implemented.

Taking into account that the fourth periodic report of the State party is due on 31 July 2012, **the Committee requests the State party to include additional information in that report on the measures taken to implement paragraph 11.**

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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