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Excellency,

I wish to inform you that the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, in the course of its 84th session, considered the follow-up report submitted by the Government of Turkmenistan, pursuant to Rule 65 (1) of the Rules of Procedure of the Committee.

The Committee welcomes the timely submission of the report, in response to its request to receive information within one year on the implementation of the recommendations contained in paragraphs 9, 15 and 17 of the Concluding Observations (CERD/C/TKM/CO/6-7), adopted following the consideration of the State party's combined 6th to 7th periodic report during its 80th session in March 2012.

The Committee appreciates the opportunity provided to continue its dialogue with the State party, and would like to draw the State party's attention to the observations mentioned below. The Committee requests that comments and responses on actions taken by the State party on these issues to be included in its combined 8th to 11th periodic reports to be submitted in a single document on 29 October 2015.

Paragraph 9 of the Concluding Observations: The Committee thanks the State party for its commitment, and requests the ethnically disaggregated census statistics to be featured in a comprehensive manner in the State party's next periodic report.

Paragraph 15 of the Concluding Observations: The Committee thanks the State party for its response, noting however that the explanations provided do not indicate that all aspects of article 4 are covered. The Committee would welcome information on cases where the relevant legal provisions would have been effectively applied to prosecute and punish instances of hate speech by high-ranking officials. The Committee requests that the State party include such information in its next periodic report.

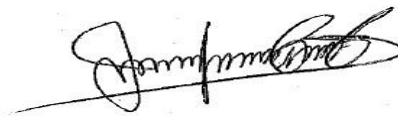
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Paragraph 17 of the Concluding Observations: The Committee thanks the State party for its response and expresses its appreciation for the State party's accession to the Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness following the Committee's recommendation. While noting the statistical information provided by the State party, the Committee requests that the State party include more up to date figures in its next period report, and provide specific information on the outcomes of the registration of persons living in the country without citizenship in line with the Migration Act of 31 March 2012. The Committee further requests the State party to list any other relevant measures it has taken to address statelessness.

Rest assured, Excellency, that the Committee looks forward to continuing its constructive dialogue with the Government of Turkmenistan, with a view to providing it with assistance in its efforts to ensure the effective implementation of the Convention.

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

Yours sincerely,



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