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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 examination of the fifth periodic report of Sweden by the Committee at its 95th session, held in March 2009. At the end of that session, the Committee's concluding observations were transmitted to your Permanent Mission. You may recall that, in paragraph 23 of the concluding observations, the Committee requested that relevant information be provided within one year on the specific areas of concern identified in paragraphs 10, 13, 16 and 17 of the concluding observations.

On 18 March 2010, Sweden provided information on these paragraphs. During its 99th session, held in July 2010, the Committee noted that the information provided regarding the rights of persons with disabilities (paragraph 10) and the fundamental legal safeguards of all persons held in custody (paragraph 13) was largely satisfactory.

While taking note of the cooperativeness of the State party, the Committee also noted that the information provided was incomplete with regard to certain recommendations. I therefore wish to request additional and more specific information, in particular on:

- (a) The use of diplomatic assurances to facilitate the transfer of persons to a country where they may be at risk of torture or other inhuman or degrading punishment (paragraph 16);
- (b) The detention of asylum-seekers and their right to access adequate information in order to respond to arguments and evidence utilized in their case (paragraph 17)

The Committee also noted that the recommendations regarding the length of the detention of asylum-seekers (paragraph 17) had not been implemented.

A Word electronic version of any additional information should be sent to the Secretariat of the Human Rights Committee (Mr. Anganile Mwenifumbo, amwenifumbo@ohchr.org).

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

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Amor', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Abdelfattah Amor
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