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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 third periodic report of Azerbaidjan at the Committee's 96th session, held in July 2009. At the end of that session, the Committee's concluding observations were transmitted to your Permanent Mission. You may recall that, in paragraph 22 of the concluding observations, the Committee requested the State party to provide within one year further information on the specific areas of concern identified in paragraphs 9, 11, 15, and 18 of the concluding observations.

On 6 July 2010, follow-up information on the referred paragraphs was received. At its 102nd session held in July 2011, the Committee analysed the information provided. On 20 October 2011, the Committee sent a letter to your Permanent Mission, requesting additional information on parts of the referred paragraphs.

At its 104th session held in March 2012, the Committee noted that the referred information had not been received. Therefore I write to request that the referred follow-up report be submitted to the Committee at Your Government's earliest convenience.

The next report of the Human Rights Committee on follow-up to concluding observations will be adopted in October 2012. If the State party wishes the referred information to be taken into account on that occasion, the reply should be sent in a Word electronic version to the Secretariat of the Human Rights Committee by 20 July 2012 (Kate Fox, <a href="kfox@ohchr.org">kfox@ohchr.org</a> and Albane Prophette-Pallasco, <a href="mailto:aprophette@ohchr.org">aprophette@ohchr.org</a>).

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

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

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Special Rapporteur

Follow-up to Concluding Observations

Human Rights Committee

His Excellency Mr. Murad N. Najafbayli Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Permanent Representative