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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 Croatia, at the Committee's 97th session, held in November 2009.

As you know, in paragraph 21 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 5, 10 and 17 of the concluding observations.

A follow-up reply of the State party was received on 17 January 2011, and complementary information was provided on 1 July 2011. During the 103rd session of the Committee, held in October 2011 in Geneva, the Committee considered that additional information should be provided by the State party on the following issues:

- The remedies that were provided to the victims of discrimination and of physical and verbal attacks against minorities (paragraph 5).
- The range of war crimes committed from 1991 to 1995, with the information grouped according to type of war crime, irrespective of the ethnicity of the persons involved (paragraph 10 (a)).

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- Updated information in its next periodic report on the activities of the specialised war crimes chambers (number of cases received, number of investigations opened, decisions adopted) (paragraph 10 (b)).

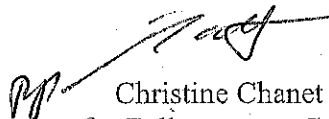
The Committee also regretted that the State party still had not provided information on the public condemnation of instances of intimidation and attacks against journalists (paragraph 17), and that the corresponding recommendation had therefore not been implemented.

On 21 November 2011, a letter was sent to the State party requesting that the referred additional information be submitted to the Committee at Your Government's earliest convenience.

At its 105th session held in July 2012, the Committee noted that the referred information had not been received. Considering that the State party has accepted the procedure of list of issues prior to reporting, and that a list of issues prior to reporting was adopted by the Committee at its 105th session, the follow-up procedure has come to an end. Nonetheless, the State party is required to provide the Committee with the information requested in my previous letter in the context of its reply to the list of issues prior to reporting, which will constitute the sixth periodic report of the State party.

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

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



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