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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 the Republic of Korea by the Committee at its 88th session, held in October 2006. 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 the Republic of Korea to provide within one year further information regarding the specific areas of concern identified in paragraphs 12, 13 and 18 of the concluding observations.

On 25 February 2008, the State party provided information on these paragraphs. During its 92nd session, held in March 2008, the Committee noted that the information provided was incomplete. During the 93rd session of the Committee, held in July 2008 in Geneva, the Special Rapporteur met with a representative of the Republic of Korea, Mr. Bek, to discuss and obtain further clarification on a number of issues arising under paragraphs 12, 13, and 18 of the above-mentioned concluding observations. The representative of your Permanent Mission indicated that further information will be provided in your Government's fourth periodic report, while kindly offering to provide a report on the prosecution and sentencing of perpetrators of torture and other ill-treatment mentioned during our meeting as well as the report that your Government submitted to the Human Rights Council under the Universal Periodic Review, insofar as it deals with Article 7 of the National Security Law. On 22 July 2008, an aide mémoire was sent to the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea, highlighting the issues identified as requiring further clarification.

During its 95th session, held in New York in March 2009, the Committee noted that these reports had not been received. On 6 May, my predecessor wrote to your Permanent Mission reminding the State party to submit at its earliest convenience the additional information as outlined above. During its 96th session, held in July 2009, the Committee noted that these reports had not been received.

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In light thereof, I should be grateful for clarifications as to the date when the requested information will be submitted. The Committee looks forward to pursuing its constructive dialogue with the authorities of the Republic of Korea on the implementation of the Covenant.

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



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