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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 report of Georgia, at the Committee's 91st session, held in October 2007.

At the end of that session, the Committee's concluding observations were transmitted to your Permanent Mission. You may recall that, in the final paragraph 19 of the concluding observations, the Committee requested the State party to provide, within one year, information regarding the specific areas of concern identified in paragraphs 8, 9 and 11 of the concluding observations.

On 13 January 2009, follow-up information on these paragraphs was received. At its 95th session, held in March 2009 in New York, the Committee noted that the information provided was incomplete. On 29 May 2009, my predecessor wrote to your Permanent Mission requesting additional information from the State party on the above mentioned paragraphs.

On 28 October 2009, additional information was submitted on these paragraphs. At its 99th session, held in July 2010, the Committee noted that the information provided was incomplete with regard to certain recommendations. On 28th September 2011, my predecessor requested additional and more specific information on the measures taken by Georgia to:

- (a) ensure prompt investigation of complaints related to domestic violence and other acts of violence against women (paragraph 8);
- (b) protect victims of domestic violence, including establishing a sufficient number of appropriate shelters across the country (paragraph 8);
- (c) ensure prompt and impartial investigations of complaints concerning actions of law enforcement officials, and make public the results of such investigations, including with respect of the 2006 disturbance at Tbilisi Prison No. 5 (paragraph);
- (d) initiate criminal proceedings against perpetrators (paragraph 9);
- (e) reduce overcrowding in the prison system and to promote the use of alternatives to imprisonment (paragraph 11);

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During its 101st session, held in March 2011, the Committee noted that this information had not been received.

Therefore I write to request that the above-mentioned additional information be submitted to the Committee at Your Government's earliest convenience. A Word electronic version of the reply should be sent to the Secretariat of the Human Rights Committee (Kate Fox (kfox@ohchr.org)) and Albane Prophette-Pallasco, (aprophette@ohchr.org)). The Committee looks forward to pursuing its constructive dialogue with the authorities of Ukraine on the implementation of the Covenant.

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

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