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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 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 Georgia to provide within one year further information regarding the specific areas of concern identified by the Committee in paragraphs 8, 9, and 11 of the concluding observations.

On 13 January 2009, the State party provided information on these paragraphs. 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, in particular on

(a) the establishment of a mechanism to compile disaggregated data on incidents of domestic violence, the measures taken to ensure that cases of violence against women and other forms of violence against women are promptly investigated and prosecuted in practice, and whether the establishment of further shelters for victims of domestic violence is envisaged as well as other protection measures for the victims (paragraph 8);

(b) the investigation into the use of excessive force by law enforcement officials, especially with regard to the disturbance at Tbilisi prison No. 5 in 2006, the prosecution of alleged perpetrators, and the publication of the results of these investigations; the use of the 1990 UN Basic Principles on the Use of Force and Firearms by law Enforcement Officials in trainings for law enforcement officials; as well as the availability and accessibility of compensation for victims who were subjected to the use of excessive force (paragraph 9); and

(c) how the prison conditions are being improved by the State party with respect to overcrowding, food rations and quality, access to natural light and air, personal hygiene conditions, deaths of prisoners due to the adverse conditions, as well as alternatives to imprisonment (besides probation programs) (paragraph 11).

During its 96th session, held in July 2009, the Committee noted that no such information had been received.

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I therefore seize this opportunity to remind the State party to submit at its earliest convenience additional information on the issues outlined above. A Word electronic version of the report should be sent to the Secretariat of the Human Rights Committee (Ms. Carolin Schleker, cschleker@ohchr.org, copy to Ms. Nathalie Prouvez, nprouvez@ohchr.org).

The Committee looks forward to pursuing its constructive dialogue with the authorities of Georgia on the implementation of the Covenant, and, in that context, to receiving your response to my enquiry at your earliest convenience.

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



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