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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 follow-up to the examination of the third periodic report of the Czech Republic.

At the end of its 90<sup>th</sup> session, the Committee's concluding observations were transmitted to your Permanent Mission. You may recall that, 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 9, 14 and 16 of the concluding observations.

In March 2010, the State party provided information on these paragraphs. At its  $101^{st}$  session, held in March 2011, the Committee decided that the provided information was largely satisfactory on the following points:

- (a) the content, coverage and mandatory character of police training on the criminal nature of the excessive use of force (paragraph 9);
- (b) the measures taken to guarantee that an effective judicial review of the lawfulness of the admission and detention of persons in psychiatric confinement takes place in each case (paragraph 14);
- (c) the monitoring mechanisms on discrimination (paragraph 16(c));
- (d) the programmes implemented to train Roma for employment (paragraph 16(d)); and
- (e) public information campaigns to overcome prejudice against Roma (paragraph 16(f)).

His Excellency M. Tomáš HUSÁK Permanent Representative of the Czech Republic to the United Nations Office at Geneva Fax: 022-740 36 62 While taking note of the cooperativeness of the State party, the Committee also noted that the information provided was incomplete with regard to certain recommendations. I therefore wish to request additional and more specific information on:

- (a) the steps taken to establish an independent mechanism outside the Ministry of Interior for the investigation of complaints concerning actions of law enforcement officials (paragraph 9);
- (b) complete periodic and actualized statistics on the compensation granted to victims of police misconduct (paragraph 9);
- (c) measures taken to prevent forced evictions and housing segregation of vulnerable minorities, particularly of the Roma population (paragraph 16).

Finally, the Committee noted that no information was provided on the administration of a procedure of review on the interest of the patient in cases of detention of persons in psychiatric confinement.

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 Czech Republic on the implementation of the Covenant.

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

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