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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 Denmark.

At the end of the Committee's 94th session, held in October 2008, the concluding observations were transmitted to your Permanent Mission, You may recall that, in paragraph 15 of the concluding observations, the Committee requested that further information be provided within one year on the specific areas of concern identified in paragraphs 8 and 11.

Denmark's follow-up report was received on the 4th of November 2009. At its 98th session, held in March 2010, the Committee noted that the information provided with regard to the exceptional and limited use of solitary confinement during pre-trial detention (para. 11) was largely satisfactory. The Committee also noted that the information provided was incomplete with regard to the measures taken to prevent and combat violence against women (para. 8) and requested additional information from the State party on whether it had carried out any information campaigns on the criminal nature of this phenomenon, and on the financial resources allocated to prevent such violence, as well as to provide protection and support to the victims.

During the 99th session, held in July 2010, the Committee noted that the additional information requested remained outstanding. The Committee, therefore, sent a reminder to the State party on the 28 September 2010.

In March 2011, during its 101st session, the Committee noted that the information had still not been received.

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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 Denmark on the implementation of the Covenant.

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

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