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Dear Sir,

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 Ireland, at the Committee's 93<sup>rd</sup> session, held in July 2008. At the end of that session, the Committee's concluding observations were transmitted to your Permanent Mission. You may recall that, in paragraph 25 of the concluding observations, the Committee requested Ireland to provide within one year further information on the specific areas of concern identified in paragraphs 11, 15 and 22 of the concluding observations.

On 31 July 2009, the State party provided information on these paragraphs. At its 97<sup>th</sup> session, held in October 2009 in Geneva, the Committee decided that the information provided regarding the measures adopted to improve detention conditions (paragraph 15) and the steps taken with a view to providing non-denominational primary education (paragraph 22) is largely satisfactory.

The Committee also noted that the information provided was incomplete with regard to paragraph 11. I therefore seize this opportunity to request additional information from the State party on how and how often terrorist acts have been investigated and prosecuted, including information on the length of pre-trial detention and access to a lawyer in practice, on the safeguards in place when relying on official assurances, as well as on the mandate of, and the work carried out by, the Cabinet Committee on Aspects of International Human Rights in relation to monitoring traffic through Irish airports. A Word electronic version of the reply should be sent to the Secretariat of the Human Rights Committee (Ms. Carolin Schleker, [cschleker@ohchr.org](mailto:cschleker@ohchr.org), copy to Ms Nathalie Prouvez, [nprouvez@ohchr.org](mailto:nprouvez@ohchr.org) and Ms. Ilze Bilane, [ibilane@ohchr.org](mailto:ibilane@ohchr.org)).

The Committee looks forward to pursuing its constructive dialogue with the Irish authorities 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Abdelfattah Amor', written over a faint background.

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