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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 the Czech Republic, at the Committee's 90th session, held in July 2007. At the end of that 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.

On 18 August 2008, the State party provided information on these paragraphs. At its 94th session, held in October 2008, the Committee noted that the information provided was incomplete. On 10 December 2008, my predecessor wrote to your Permanent Mission requesting additional information from the State party on the above mentioned paragraphs, in particular 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) the number and outcome of disciplinary and criminal proceedings initiated against alleged perpetrators, as well as any compensation granted to victims, of police misconduct (paragraph 9); (c) the content, coverage and mandatory character of police training on the criminal nature of the excessive use of force (paragraph 9); (d) measures taken to ensure 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); (e) the establishment of effective monitoring mechanisms and adoption of indicators and benchmarks to determine whether anti-discrimination goals have been achieved (paragraph 16); (f) programmes to train Roma for employment (paragraph 16); (g) measures taken to prevent forced evictions and housing segregation of Roma (paragraph 16); and (h) public information campaigns to overcome prejudice against Roma (paragraph 16).

During its 97th session, held in October 2009, the Committee noted that no such information had been received.

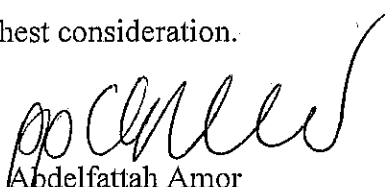
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In light thereof, I should be grateful to meet with a representative of the Czech Republic during the 98th session of the Committee, to be held from 8 to 26 March 2010 at the United Nations Headquarters in Geneva, to discuss the matters set out above. I look forward to the Permanent Mission's advice of a mutually convenient time for this meeting. In this regard, you are invited to contact Ms. Carolin Schleker, Associate Human Rights Officer (CSchleker@ohchr.org, phone: +41 22 91 793 01).

The Committee looks forward to pursuing a constructive dialogue with the authorities of the Czech Republic.

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



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