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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 94<sup>th</sup> session, held in October 2008, the concluding observations were transmitted to your Permanent mission. As you know, 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 4<sup>th</sup> of November 2009. At its 98<sup>th</sup> 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.

On 5 August 2011, the State party sent complementary information to the Human Rights Committee. In October 2011, during its 103<sup>rd</sup> session, the Committee analysed the information provided and considered that it was largely satisfactory, but that additional detailed information was still required on the outcome of national plans and strategies to prevent and combat violence against women, including domestic violence and marital rape, referred to in the State party's follow-up response.

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Taking into account that the next periodic report of the State party is due by 31 October 2013, and that it has accepted the procedure of list of issue prior to reporting, follow-up procedure has come to an end. Nonetheless, the State party is required to provide the Committee with information on the referred issue in the context of its reply to the list of issue prior to reporting.

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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