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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 second periodic report of The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

At the end of the Committee's 92<sup>nd</sup> session, held in March 2008, 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 that further information be submitted within one year on the specific areas of concern identified in paragraphs 12, 14 and 15 of the concluding observations.

On 31 August 2009, the State party provided information on these paragraphs. At its 98<sup>th</sup> session, held in March 2010, the Committee noted that the recommendation to undertake a new investigation regarding the allegations made by Mr. al-Masri (para. 14) had not been implemented.

The Committee also noted that the information provided was incomplete with regard to certain recommendations, in particular on:

- (a) the concrete measures adopted to ensure that the Law on Amnesty is not applied to the most serious human rights violations, crimes against humanity and war crimes, and that all such human rights violations and crimes are thoroughly investigated, those responsible brought to justice and that adequate reparation is made to the victims and their families (paragraph 12); and,
- (b) the steps taken to review the practices and procedures whereby the State party would never perpetrate acts such as those alleged by Mr. al-Masri (para. 14).

By a letter dated 26 April 2010, the State party was also invited to keep the Committee informed of any new information and data concerning the situation of internally displaced persons (paragraph 15).

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During its 99<sup>th</sup> session, held in July 2010, the Committee noted that the requested additional information remained outstanding. On 28 September 2010, a letter of reminder was sent to you by my predecessor.

In March 2011, during its 101<sup>st</sup> session, the Committee recorded that the information had not yet been received.

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](mailto:kfox@ohchr.org)) and Albane Prophette-Pallasco, ([aprophette@ohchr.org](mailto:aprophette@ohchr.org))).

The Committee looks forward to pursuing its constructive dialogue with the authorities of Macedonia on the implementation of the Covenant.

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

  
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