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Excellency,

In my capacity as Special Rapporteur for Follow-up to Concluding Observations of the Human Rights Committee, I have the honour to refer to the examination of the initial report of Bosnia and Herzegovina by the Committee at its 88th session, held in October 2006. At the end of that session, the Committee's concluding observations were transmitted to your Permanent Mission. You may recall that, in paragraph 27 of the concluding observations, the Committee, in accordance with rule 71, paragraph 5, of its rules of procedure, requested Bosnia and Herzegovina to provide within one year further information regarding the specific areas of concern identified in paragraphs 8, 14, 19 and 23 of the concluding observations.

On 21 December 2007, the State party provided information on these paragraphs. On 17 January 2008, a reminder was sent to the Permanent Mission of Bosnia and Herzegovina, observing that the information sought by the Committee was incomplete on all the above-mentioned paragraphs. Noting that additional information remained outstanding, I requested on 22 September 2008 to meet a representative of your State. During the 94th session of the Committee, held in October 2008 in Geneva, I met a representative of the Permanent Mission who indicated that additional information would be provided as soon as it was approved by the Government.

On 1st November and 4 March 2009, the State party provided the additional information on the paragraphs in question. On 29 May 2009, the Committee requested additional information on the afore-mentioned paragraphs, noting that the information received was partly incomplete. On 27 August and 11 December 2009, reminders were sent to the Permanent Mission of Bosnia and Herzegovina, observing that the information sought by the Committee had not yet been provided.

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On 14 December 2009, the State party provided complementary information on the above-mentioned paragraphs. During its 100th session, held in October 2010, while noting the willingness of the State party to cooperate, the Committee observed that the information provided remains incomplete with regard to certain recommendations, in particular on:

- (a) The fund for support to the families of missing persons: no indication is provided as to when the legislative amendments to establish this fund will be adopted, nor has any information been provided, as to how the fund is to be financed (paragraph 14);
- (b) The situation at the Psychiatric Annex of the Zenica Prison Forensic (paragraph 19);
- (c) The relocation plan for the Roma settlement at Butmir: the need for adequate financial compensation should be reviewed, such compensation being required in situations of forced expulsion or expropriation by the public authorities (paragraph 23).

During the same session, the Committee noted that the second periodic report of Bosnia and Herzegovina was due on 1st November 2010. I therefore take this opportunity to remind the State party to submit its report on time and to include in this report information on all the Committee's previous concluding observations, in particular on paragraphs 14, 19 and 23.

The Committee looks forward to pursuing a constructive dialogue with the authorities of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

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



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