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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 Republic of Moldova.

At the end of the Committee's 97<sup>th</sup> session, held in October 2009, the Committee's concluding observations were transmitted to your Permanent Mission. You may recall that, in paragraph 30 of the concluding observations, the Committee requested that further information be submitted within one year on the specific areas of concern identified in paragraphs 8, 9, 16 and 18 of the concluding observations.

On 3 December 2010, the information was received, which was analyzed by the Committee during its 102<sup>nd</sup> session, held in July 2011.

While taking note of the cooperativeness of the State party, the Committee considered that the information was incomplete with regard to certain recommendations. I therefore wish to request additional and specific information on the following issues:

- a) The number of cases in which victims of torture and inhumane or degrading treatments have had access to medical care and to reparation (par. 9 a));
- b) the implementation of the National Action Plan on Human Rights 2011-2014, especially with regard to the access of victims of torture to legal aid and socio-medical rehabilitation services (par. 9 b));
- c) the capacity to implement the decisions taken by the police to protect victims of domestic violence, especially in the rural sector (par. 16); and
- d) the measures taken to promote the reinsertion and protection of victims, including children, and to create new shelters for victims of trafficking and domestic violence (par. 18 b)).

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The Committee also noted that no information was provided on the following issues, and that the corresponding recommendations have not been implemented:

- a) The measures taken to ensure that law enforcement officers found responsible for the torture and ill-treatment of protestors during the April 2009 events, including those with command responsibility, are suspended from duty during the conduct of the investigation (para. 8 b);
- b) The actions taken to broaden the implementation of measures to assist the social reintegration of victims of trafficking and to provide genuine access to health care and counseling in all areas of the country (para. 18).

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 the Republic of Moldova on the implementation of the Covenant.

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



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