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Dear Special Representative of the Secretary-General,

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 report submitted by the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo on the human rights situation in Kosovo since June 1999, at the Committee's 87th session, held in July 2006. At the end of that session, the Committee's concluding observations were transmitted to your Office. You may recall that, in paragraph 24 of the concluding observations, the Committee requested UNMIK to provide within six months, in cooperation with the Provisional Institutions of Self-Government, further information on the specific areas of concern identified in paragraphs 12, 13 and 18 of the concluding observations.

On 11 March 2008, your Office provided information on these paragraphs. During the 93rd session of the Committee, held in Geneva in July 2008, the Special Rapporteur met with Mr. Roque Raymundo, Senior Human Rights Advisor to UNMIK, to discuss and obtain further clarification on a number of issues arising under paragraphs 13 and 18 of the above-mentioned concluding observations. On the basis of the information received, the Committee noted during its 93rd session that the replies on paragraphs 13 and 18 were still incomplete.

On 7 November 2008, your Office provided additional information on paragraphs 13 and 18. During its 95th session, held in March 2009, the Committee noted that the information on these paragraphs was incomplete. On 3 June 2009, my predecessor wrote to you requesting additional information on the above mentioned paragraphs, in particular on (a) the prosecution and sentencing of perpetrators and the compensation schemes for victims, including the establishment of a compensation fund for families or relatives of missing persons and legal aid schemes available to indigent claimants (paragraph 13); and (b) on the safe return of displaced persons, in particular minorities, the measures taken to improve the socio-economic conditions for returnees and their recovery of their properties or compensation for the loss, as well as on the inclusion of returnees in the rental scheme established by the Kosovo Property Agency (paragraph 18).

During its 96th session, held in July 2009, the Committee noted that no such information had been received.

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I therefore seize this opportunity to remind the Special Representative to submit at his earliest convenience additional information on the issues outlined above. A Word electronic version of the report should be sent to the Secretariat of the Human Rights Committee (Ms. Carolin Schleker, cschleker@ohchr.org, copy to Ms Nathalie Prouvez, nprouvez@ohchr.org).

The Committee looks forward to pursuing its constructive dialogue with UNMIK on the implementation of the Covenant, and, in that context, to receiving your response to my enquiry at your earliest convenience.



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