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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 and third periodic reports of the United States of America by the Committee at its 87<sup>th</sup> session, held in July 2006. At the end of that session, the Committee's concluding observations were transmitted to your Permanent Mission. You may recall that, in paragraph 39 of the concluding observations, the Committee, in accordance with rule 71, paragraph 5, of its rules of procedure, requested the United States of America to provide within one year further information regarding the specific areas of concern identified in paragraphs 12, 13, 14, 16, 20 and 26 of the concluding observations.

On 1 November 2007, the State party provided information on these paragraphs. At its 92<sup>nd</sup> session, held in March 2007 in New York, the Committee noted that the information provided was partly incomplete. During the 93<sup>rd</sup> session of the Committee, held in July 2008 in Geneva, I met with representatives of the Permanent Mission to discuss and obtain further clarification on a number of issues arising under paragraphs 12, 13, 14, 16, and 26 of the above-mentioned concluding observations. During that discussion, the representatives of the Permanent Mission indicated that further information will be provided on paragraphs 12, 13, 14, and 16 before the Committee's 95<sup>th</sup> session.

On 14 July 2009, the State party provided information on some of these paragraphs. At its 98<sup>th</sup> session, held in March 2010, the Committee noted that the fourth periodic report of the United States of America is due on 1 August 2010. I therefore seize this opportunity to remind the State party to submit its report by the date set and to include in this report information on all the Committee's previous concluding observations, in particular on paragraphs 12, 13, 14, and 16.

The Committee looks forward to pursuing a constructive dialogue with the authorities of the United States of America.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Abdelfattah Amor'.

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