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Excellency,

I write to inform you that in the course of its 105th session, the Committee considered further the situation of the Dungan minority in Kazakhstan under its early warning and urgent action procedure. The Committee would like to thank the State party for its reply dated 19 July 2021 in response to the Committee's letter of 30 April 2021.

The Committee takes note of the information provided by your Government in response to the allegations set out in the Committee's letter and encourages your Government to reinforce the measures taken to prevent the occurrence of ethnic-based violence against persons belonging to the Dungan minority.

In this regard, the Committee would like to request that the State party provide updated and detailed information on the situation of the Dungan minority in Kazakhstan during the presentation of its eight to tenth periodic reports already submitted by your Government in September 2019, in particular on:

- a) The measures adopted to investigate the allegations of incitement to violence and of hate speech against the Dungan minority, in relation to the violent events that took place on February 7 to 8 February 2020 in the Korday District;
- b) The steps taken to ensure that persons from the Dungan community which are subject to criminal investigations and proceedings receive a fair trial.

Allow me, Excellency, to reiterate the wish of the Committee to continue to engage in a constructive dialogue with the Government of Kazakhstan, with a view to ensuring the effective implementation of the Convention.

Yours sincerely,

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