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Excellency,

I wish to inform you that the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, in the course of its 92nd session, considered the follow-up report submitted by the Government of Germany, pursuant to Rule 65 (1) of the Rules of Procedure of the Committee.

The Committee welcomes the submission of the report, in response to its request to receive information within one year on the implementation of the recommendations contained in paragraphs 10 and 19 of the Concluding Observations (CERD/C/DEU/CO/19-22), adopted following the consideration of the State party's combined 19th to 22nd periodic reports, at its 86th session in May 2015.

The Committee appreciates the opportunity provided to continue its dialogue with the State party, and would like to draw the State party's attention to the observations mentioned below. The Committee requests that comments and responses on actions taken by the State party on these issues be included in its 23rd to 26th periodic reports to be submitted in a single document on 15 June 2018.

Paragraph 10 of the Concluding Observations: While noting the responses of the State party on the National Socialist Underground (NSU), the pending trials of alleged NSU members, and noting also other measures taken by the State party to respond to issues raised in concluding observations (CERD/C/DEU/CO/19-22), the Committee reiterates its concerns expressed in paragraph 10 of the concluding observations and urges that due consideration be given to its recommendations in the ongoing investigations.

Paragraph 19 of the Concluding Observations: The Committee appreciates the information provided by the State party on measures to respond to racist hate speech. The Committee regrets however that the State party has not fully implemented the recommendations of the Committee in communication No. 48/2010, TBB-Turkish

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Union in Berlin/Brandenburg v. Germany (the “Sarrazin case”). The Committee reiterates its recommendation and reminds the State party of the need for effective responses to racist hate speech in accordance with its obligations under Article 4 of the Convention.

Rest assured, Excellency, that the Committee looks forward to continuing its constructive dialogue with the Government of Germany, with a view to providing it with assistance in its efforts to ensure the effective implementation of the Convention.

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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anastasia Crickley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping tail that extends to the right and then loops back down.

Anastasia Crickley
Chair

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