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Dear Mr. Zarif,

In my capacity as Special Rapporteur for Follow-up on Concluding Observations of the Human Rights Committee, I have the honour to refer to follow-up 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.

On 13 February 2012, UNMIK sent a letter to the Human Rights Committee reiterating that the realities on the ground in Kosovo have effectively removed UNMIK's authority and capacity to implement the recommendations of the Human Rights Committee, and providing information on the actions taken by actors involved in the promotion of human rights in Kosovo for the implementation of paragraphs 13 and 18 of the Committees concluding observations (the European Union Rule of Law Mission in Kosovo, the UN Kosovo Team and the Kosovo Property Agency, the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK Pillar III), the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, and the Office of the High Commissioner for Human rights).

During its 106th session held in October 2012, the Committee analysed the complementary replies. While taking note of the collaboration of the Mission, the Committee considered that no reply was provided on **the access of the relatives of disappeared or abducted persons to information on their fate, and to adequate reparation**. Additional information is therefore requested on that issue (paragraph 13, CCPR/C/UNK/CO/1).

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On paragraph 18, the Committee considered that the actions taken have had disappointing results, especially in terms of the return of the victims of forced displacement. The Committee therefore decided to request additional information on **the actions taken to create the conditions of security that are necessary for the sustainable return of displaced persons**, issue on which no information was provided in the letter sent on 13 February 2012.

A Word electronic version of the reply should be sent to the Secretariat of the Human Rights Committee by **1 February 2013** (Kate Fox (kfox@ohchr.org) and Albane Prophette-Pallasco (aprophette@ohchr.org)).

The Committee looks forward to pursuing its constructive dialogue with the authorities of UNMIK on the implementation of the Covenant.

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



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