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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 follow-up procedure to the examination of the third periodic report of the Republic of Korea at the 88<sup>th</sup> session of the Committee, held in October 2006. At the end of that session, the Committee's concluding observations were transmitted to your Permanent Mission. You may recall that, in paragraph 23 of the concluding observations, the Committee requested the Republic of Korea to provide within one year further information on the specific areas of concern identified in paragraphs 12, 13 and 18 of its concluding observations.

The State party provided the Committee with complementary information on these issues on 25 February 2008. At its 93rd session, held in July 2008, the Committee noted that the information was incomplete. In July 2008, a meeting was held between a representative of the Republic of Korea, Mr. Bek, and my predecessor. The representative of your Permanent mission indicated that further information would be provided in the fourth Periodic Report of the State party, and that some information would be sent on the prosecution and sentencing of perpetrators of torture and other ill-treatment.

The Committee has not received any reply, despite of the reminders sent to your Permanent mission on 6 May 2009 and 27 August 2009.

At its 103rd session, held in October 2011 in Geneva, the Committee noted that the fourth periodic report of the Republic of Korea was overdue since 2 November 2010. I therefore seize this opportunity to remind the State party to submit its report, including the replies that remain pending in the context of the procedure of Follow-up to Concluding Observations.

The Committee looks forward to pursuing a constructive dialogue with the authorities of the Republic of Korea.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Christine Chanet'.

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