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Committee against Torture

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Excellency,

In my capacity as Rapporteur for follow-up to concluding observations of the Committee against Torture, and with reference to the Committee's letters of 21 December 2012 and 22 January 2014, I have the honour to refer to the consideration by the Committee, in the absence of a special report, of the implementation of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment in the Syrian Arab Republic, in accordance with the Guidelines for follow-up to concluding observations ([CAT/C/55/3](#)).

At the end of its forty-eighth session, held from 7 May to 1 June 2012, the Committee transmitted its concluding observations ([CAT/C/SYR/CO/1/Add.2](#)) to your Permanent Mission. In paragraph 24 of those concluding observations, the Committee requested, pursuant to its rules of procedure, that the State party provide within one year further information on the measures taken to implement the recommendations included therein (see extracts annexed). The State party has not provided the information sought by the Committee despite more than 12 years having elapsed since the transmittal of the concluding observations.

Therefore, I hereby request a meeting with you, Mr. Ambassador, or an official representative of the Syrian Arab Republic you may wish to designate, to receive the above information and to discuss the State party's reporting status. I look forward to the Permanent Mission's response regarding a mutually convenient time for the meeting. For scheduling purposes, please contact the Secretariat of the Committee against Torture at ohchr-cat@un.org.

The Committee looks forward to a continued constructive dialogue with the authorities of the Syrian Arab Republic on the implementation of the Convention.

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bakhtiyar Tuzmukhamedov".

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