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Excellency,

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

At the end of its 105th session, the Committee transmitted its concluding observations to your Permanent Mission. You may recall that, in paragraph 28 of the concluding observations, the Committee requested the State party to provide within one year further information on the specific areas of concern identified in paragraphs 12, 14 and 21 of the concluding observations.

On 8 August 2013, the Committee received the reply of the State party. At its 110th session, held in March 2014, the Committee analysed this information and adopted the following decisions:

- Paragraph 12: [C1] The Committee noted that the State party referred to investigations which had been undertaken long before the adoption of the Committee's Concluding Observations on Armenia. It also noted that the State party did not refer to any measures taken since the adoption of the Concluding Observations. The Committee regretted that no information was provided on measures taken to compensate the victims and to provide them with adequate medical and psychological rehabilitation. The Committee requested additional information on:
 - (a) Measures taken after the adoption of the Concluding Observations on Armenia, on 31 August 2012;
 - (b) The sanctions imposed on those responsible for excessive use of force during the 1 March 2008 events; and
 - (c) Measures taken to guarantee that victims of the events of 1 March 2008 receive adequate compensation and that they have access to adequate medical and psychological rehabilitation.

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- Paragraph 14: [C1] The Committee welcomed the actions taken to establish an independent mechanism for receiving and processing complaints regarding torture or ill-treatment in places of deprivation of liberty, but considered that the recommendation has not yet been implemented. The Committee requested additional information on when the State party expects to have the independent mechanism established. The Committee reiterated its recommendation.
- Paragraph 21: [C1] While the Committee welcomed the “2012-2016 Strategic Programme for Legal and Judicial Reforms in the Republic of Armenia”, it considered that actions taken do not implement the recommendation to amend its domestic law to ensure the independence of the judiciary. The Committee reiterated its recommendation.

The next follow-up report of the Human Rights Committee will be adopted in October 2014. If the State party wishes the information referred to be taken into account on that occasion, the reply should be sent in a Word electronic version to the Secretariat of the Human Rights Committee by **5 August 2014** (Kate Fox: kfox@ohchr.org and Fernanda Santana: fsantana@ohchr.org).

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

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

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