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Excellency,

I wish to inform you that the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, in the course of its 95th session, considered the follow-up report submitted by the Government of the Georgia, pursuant to Article 9 (1) of the Convention, and 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 7 and 23 of the Concluding Observations (CERD/C/GEO/CO/6-8), adopted following the consideration of the State party's combined sixth to eighth periodic reports, at its 89th session held in April/May 2016.

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 ninth and tenth periodic reports to be submitted in a single document by 2 July 2020.

Paragraph 7 of the Concluding Observations: The Committee thanks the State party for its detailed response concerning human rights and anti-discrimination trainings it has recently conducted. It requests that the State party provide in its next periodic report: (1) information on whether the trainings that police officers, judges, and members of the Office of the Prosecutor regularly receive on human rights and discrimination include components specifically on racial discrimination and related legal norms; and (2) information on any measures taken to require private entities and individuals to provide information to the Public Defender, in order to enhance the ability of the Public Defender to effectively examine cases of discrimination committed by private entities or individuals.

Paragraph 23 of the Concluding Observations: The Committee thanks the State party for its detailed response, and welcomes the State party's measures to reduce stateless and their progress. However, the Committee is concerned by the State party's information that only five Roma individuals received identity documents in 2016-2017. The Committee requests that the State party provide in its next periodic report statistics on the number of

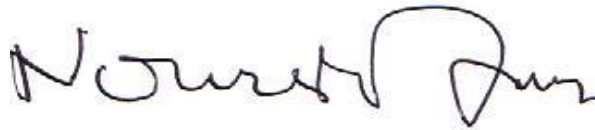
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stateless Roma individuals and information on their access to identity documents and basic services, such as education and health care. The Committee encourages the State party to pursue its statelessness reduction measures and strengthen its efforts to provide identification documentation to Roma individuals living on the State party's territory.

Rest assured, Excellency, that the Committee looks forward to continuing its constructive dialogue with the Government of Georgia, 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,



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Chair

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