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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 examination of the second periodic report of the Republic of Serbia.

As you know, in paragraph 25 of its 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, 17 and 22 of the concluding observations.

On 30 April 2012, my predecessor sent you a letter of reminder for that information. On 25 July 2012, the State party submitted information on these paragraphs. During the 107th session of the Committee, held in March 2013 in Geneva, the Committee considered that the reply on paragraphs 12, 17 and 22 was partially satisfactory, but that additional and more precise information was required on the following issues:

- Paragraph 12: The Committee considered that additional information remains necessary on the measures taken (i) to expedite the investigations; (ii) to encourage witnesses to testify in court; and on the reasons of Belgrade Appellate Court's ruling to quash the verdict against Radojko Repanovic.

The Committee also noted that no information was provided on the compensations awarded to the relatives of the victims.

- Paragraph 17: The Committee noted that additional action and information were required to enhance the independence of the judiciary, including with regard to the large power retained by the High Judicial Court over the appointment of judges. On the procedures to facilitate speedy trials, the Committee requested additional information on the guarantees in place to protect the access to justice of all parties to a case.

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- Paragraph 22: The Committee requested additional information: (i) to improve the access of the Roma to employment and housing; (ii) to eradicate negative stereotypes on the Roma population; and (iii) to guarantee the integration of Roma children into mainstream education.

On 2 December 2013, the Special Rapporteur for Follow-up to concluding observations of the Human Rights Committee sent you a letter of reminder. During its 110th session held in Geneva in March 2014, the Committee noted that no reply was received.

Taking this situation into account, the Committee decided to send a second reminder to the State party, requesting that the above-mentioned additional information be submitted to the Committee.

The next follow-up report will be adopted in October 2014. If the State party wishes the information referred to be taken into account on that occasion, a **Word electronic version** of the reply should be sent 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 authorities of the Republic of Serbia on the implementation of the Covenant.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'FOS', written over a faint circular stamp.

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Human Rights Committee