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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 follow-up to the examination of the third periodic report of Estonia

At the end of its 99th session, the Committee transmitted its concluding observations to your Permanent Mission. You may recall that, in paragraph 18 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 5 and 6 of the concluding observations.

Follow-up information on the paragraphs referred to was received on 12 August 2011 and on 20 November 2012. At its 103rd and 104th sessions, the Committee noted that the information provided was incomplete and requested additional information from the State party.

On 30 July 2013, the State party sent complementary information to the Human Rights Committee. At its 110th session, held in March in Geneva, the Committee analysed this information and adopted the following decisions:

- On paragraph 5: [D1] The Committee noted that no information was provided on the implementation of paragraph 5. The Committee reiterated its recommendation.
- On paragraph 6: [B2] The Committee considered it necessary to request additional information on the project financed by Norway and its impact. The Committee also requested the State party to provide information on the outcome of the negotiations on the creation of the Gender Equality Council.

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Taking into account the State party's third reply, the Committee considered that the follow-up procedure has come to an end (CCPR/C/108/2, para. 26). Nonetheless, the State party is required to provide the Committee with information on the issues referred to in the context of its fourth periodic report, which is due on 30 July 2015.

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

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'F. Salvioli'.

Fabián Omar Salvioli
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