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Excellency,

In my capacity as Rapporteur for Follow-up to Concluding Observations of the United Nations Committee against Torture, I refer to the examination of the initial report of Pakistan (CAT/C/PAK/1) by this Committee, at its 60th session, held from 18 April to 12 May 2017. At the end of that session, the Committee's concluding observations (CAT/C/PAK/CO/1) were transmitted to your Permanent Mission. In paragraph 46 of those concluding observations, the Committee requested, pursuant to its rules of procedure, that the State party provide, within one year, by 12 May 2018, further information regarding areas of particular concern identified by the Committee in paragraphs 7(c), 9(c) and 11(a). It also invited the State party to provide information about its plans for implementing, within the coming reporting period, some or all of the remaining recommendations included in its concluding observations (see extracts annexed).

The Committee has adopted a follow-up procedure to pursue issues that are serious, that can be accomplished by the State party in a one year period, and that are protective (see, doc. CAT/C/55/3).

While taking note of the contents of your note verbale dated 9 May 2018, I should like to indicate that the information sought by the Committee has not been provided yet, although more than one year has elapsed from the transmittal of the Committee's concluding observations. Accordingly, I would be grateful for clarification as to the current status of your Government's responses on the matters, and as to when the information requested will be forthcoming. A Word electronic version of the reply should be sent to the Secretariat of the Committee against Torture (cat@ohchr.org). Upon receipt of this information, the Committee will be able to assess whether further action is needed.

The Committee looks forward to pursuing the constructive dialogue it has started with the authorities of Pakistan on the implementation of the Convention. In this context, the Committee seeks to receive your response to this enquiry.

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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**CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS SUBMITTED BY STATES PARTIES
UNDER ARTICLE 19 OF THE CONVENTION**

Concluding observations of the Committee against Torture
(Extracts for follow-up of CAT/C/PAK/CO/1)

PAKISTAN

(...)

C. Principal subjects of concern and recommendations

(...)

Allegations of widespread use of torture by the police

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7. The Committee calls upon the State party to:

(...)

(c) **Ensure that police officers who engage in torture are prosecuted and punished with penalties that are commensurate with the gravity of the offence of torture, as required under article 4 of the Convention;**

(...)

Inadequate investigation of complaints of torture

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9. The Committee urges the State party to:

(...)

(c) **Take immediate measures to ensure the establishment and effective operation of effective police oversight bodies, particularly public safety commissions, at the district and provincial levels throughout the State party;**

(...)

Impunity for acts of torture by military and paramilitary forces and intelligence agencies

(...)

11. The State party should:

(a) Take all necessary measures to ensure that all allegations of torture or ill-treatment are promptly, thoroughly and impartially investigated by a fully independent civilian body, that perpetrators are duly prosecuted and, if found guilty, convicted with penalties that are commensurate with the grave nature of their crimes;

(...)

Follow-up procedure

46. The Committee requests the State party to provide, by 12 May 2018, information on follow-up to the Committee's recommendations on prosecutions of police officers found guilty of acts of torture, the establishment and operation of effective police oversight bodies and measures to ensure that all allegations of torture or ill-treatment are promptly, thoroughly and impartially investigated by a fully independent civilian body (see paras. 7 (c), 9 (c) and 11 (a)). In that context, the State party is invited to inform the Committee about its plans for implementing, within the coming reporting period, some or all of the remaining recommendations in the concluding observations.

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