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Excellency,

In my capacity as Rapporteur for Follow-up to Concluding Observations of the Committee against Torture, I have the honor to refer to the follow-up to the examination of the seventh periodic report of Finland, in accordance with the Guidelines for follow-up to concluding observations (CAT/C/55/3).

At the end of the 59<sup>th</sup> session, the Committee transmitted its concluding observations to your Permanent Mission. The Committee's concluding observations (CAT/C/FIN/CO/7, para. 34) requested the State party to provide within one year further information on the specific areas of concern identified in paragraphs 15, 17(d) and 18 of the concluding observations.

On behalf of the Committee, allow me to express appreciation for your letter of 7 December 2017 providing your Government's response on the above-mentioned paragraphs (CAT/C/FIN/CO/7/Add.1 and annex), and to make the following comments:

**National preventive mechanism (para. 15)**

The Committee appreciates the thorough and extensive information provided by the Ombudsman on behalf of the State party, and welcomes the extensive comments made by the Office of the Parliamentary Ombudsman and its OPCAT-Coordinator (3/A).

**Detention of remand prisoners in police detention facilities (para. 17 d)**

The Committee welcomes the adoption of measures aimed at reducing the time that remand prisoners are held in police custody, as well as the commitment by the State party to end the detention of remand prisoners in police facilities by 2025 (3/B1).

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### **Detention of juveniles (para. 18)**

While taking note of the intention expressed by the Government to take steps not to place juveniles in prisons and remand detention centers, the Committee regrets that the State party has not taken action to implement this recommendation (2/C).

### **Implementation plan (para. 34)**

The Committee appreciates the additional information provided by the State party on its plans for implementing the remaining recommendations contained in the concluding observations (B).

The Government of Finland is encouraged to provide additional information, if any, which may further contribute to the Committee's analysis of the progress made regarding the specific issues of concern. This additional information may be provided in any subsequent report by the State party pursuant to the Committee's request in its concluding observations on the seventh periodic report of Finland.

The Committee looks forward to a continued constructive dialogue with the authorities of Finland on the implementation of the Convention.

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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