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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 fourth periodic report of Jordan.

At the end of its 100<sup>th</sup> session, the Committee transmitted its concluding observations to your Permanent Mission. You may recall that, in paragraph 22 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, 11 and 12 of the concluding observations.

Follow-up information on the paragraphs referred to was received on 19 August 2013. At its 113<sup>th</sup> session, held in March 2015, the Committee analysed this information and adopted the following decisions:

- On paragraph 5: **[C1]** Additional information is required on: (a) the budget allocated for the NCHR in the last three years; and (b) the number of staff currently working in the NCHR and if the staff is sufficient to carry out the NCHR's functions.
- On paragraph 11: **[C2]** The Committee regrets that the State party has not taken actions to end the practice of administrative detention and to amend the Law on Crime Prevention so as to make it consistent with the Covenant. The Committee reiterates its recommendations and requests updated statistics on the application of administrative detention in the last 2 years.
- On paragraph 12: **[B2]** The Committee welcomes the recent amendment to the jurisdiction of the State Security Court which limited the jurisdiction of the Court to four crimes, but reiterates its recommendation. The Committee requests information on measures taken to abolish the State Security Court or to enhance its organizational and functional independence.

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Taking into account that the next periodic report of the State party was due on 27 October 2014, the Committee considered that the follow-up procedure has come to an end. Nonetheless, the State party is required to provide the Committee with information on the issues referred to in the context of its fifth periodic report.

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

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

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