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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 follow-up to the examination of the third periodic report of Lithuania.

At the end of its 105th session, the Committee transmitted its concluding observations to your Permanent Mission. You may recall that, in paragraph 17 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 8, 9 and 12 of the concluding observations.

On 31 July 2013, the Committee received the reply of the State party. At its 110th session, held in March 2014, the Committee analysed this information and adopted the following decisions:

- Paragraph 8: [B2] While the Committee welcomed the adoption of the Inter-Institutional Action Plan for the promotion of Non-discrimination 2012-2014, it considered it necessary to request further information on:
 - (a) Specific measures taken to ensure that national legislation is not interpreted and applied in a discriminatory manner against persons on the basis of their sexual orientation or gender identity;
 - (b) Specific trainings carried out to counter negative sentiments against LGBT individuals and its frequency; and
 - (c) Awareness-raising campaigns on LGBT issues.

The Committee also requested information on measures taken to address the Committee's recommendation in the framework of the PROGRESS programme.

- Paragraph 9: [C2] The Committee considered that the State party repeated its previous reply and provided no information on the measures taken to implement the Committee's recommendations. The Committee therefore reiterated its recommendation.

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- Paragraph 12: [C1] Regarding administrative detention, the Committee considered that the recommendation has not yet been implemented. The Committee reiterated it.

[B2] With regard to alternative measures to imprisonment, the Committee welcomed the recent increase in the number of persons released on parole, but requested additional information on:

- (a) The number of persons convicted for administrative offences released on parole in the last 3 years;
- (b) Measures in place to guarantee the use of alternatives to imprisonment;
- (c) The criteria for eligibility for the different forms of alternatives to imprisonment.

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

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

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