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Excellency,

I wish to inform you that the Committee on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, in the course of its 81<sup>st</sup> session, considered the follow-up report submitted by the Government of the Republic of Armenia, pursuant to Rule 65(1) of the Rules of Procedure of the Committee.

The Committee welcomes the timely submission of the report, in response to its request to receive information within one year on the implementation of the recommendations contained in paragraphs 13, 14 and 17 of the Concluding Observations (CERD/C/ARM/CO/5-6), adopted following the consideration of the State party's fifth and sixth periodic reports during its 78<sup>th</sup> session in March 2011.

The Committee appreciates the opportunity provided to continue its dialogue with the State party, and would like to draw the State party's attention to the observations mentioned below. The Committee requests that comments and responses on actions taken by the State party on these issues to be included in its seventh to eleventh periodic reports to be submitted in a single document by 23 July 2014.

**Paragraph 13 of the Concluding Observations:** The Committee thanks the State party for the information provided and requests updated statistical data to be included in the next periodic report on the participation of minorities in public and elected bodies.

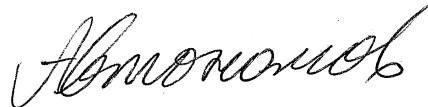
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**Paragraph 14 of the Concluding Observations:** The Committee notes that at present there is no political organization calling for the expulsion of ethnic groups from Armenia but requests additional information on the outcome of legal actions brought against the leader of the political organization referred to in the concluding observations. The Committee encourages the State party to closely monitor legal practice in relation to incitement to racial discrimination and prosecute the perpetrators in line with domestic law and the Convention.

**Paragraph 17 of the Concluding Observations:** The Committee welcomes the National Action Plan on Human Rights Education 2012-2015 and requests that further information on its implementation be included in the next periodic report. While thanking the State party for the information provided regarding training for members of the armed forces on human rights and non-discrimination as well as the role of the media in promoting diversity and national minorities' languages, the Committee requests more information on these activities. It also notes that the State party did not provide information on the Committee's recommendation to the State party to conduct a study on its population's attitudes towards foreigners.

Rest assured, Excellency, that the Committee looks forward to continuing its constructive dialogue with the Government of Armenia, with a view to providing it with assistance in its efforts to ensure the effective implementation of the Convention.

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



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