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Excellency,

I wish to inform you that the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination considered, at its 72nd session held from the 18 February to the 7 March 2008, the follow-up report submitted by the Government of Ukraine (CERD/C/UKR/CO/18/Add.1) pursuant to rule 65 (1) of its rules of procedure.

The Committee welcomes the submission of information, as requested, on the implementation of the recommendations contained in paragraphs 11, 12, and 15 of the concluding observations (CERD/C/UKR/CO/18) adopted by the Committee following the consideration at its 69th session of the 17th and 18th periodic reports of Ukraine, submitted in one document.

The Committee appreciates the opportunity thus provided to continue its dialogue with the State party. In this spirit, the Committee would like to draw the State party's attention to the observations mentioned below. The Committee requests that comments and responses on action taken on these issues be provided in writing to the Committee by 6 March 2009:

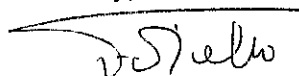
- **Paragraph 11 of the concluding observations:** The Committee commends the State party for introducing the Homeless Citizens and Neglected Children (Social Protection) Act that will enable persons without a fixed abode, such as many Roma, to obtain identity papers. In this respect, the State party is requested to provide information on the number and ethnicity of persons who have received identity documents based on this Act and to confirm that the identity documents supplied under this Act are the same and give the same rights as identity papers supplied for persons with fixed addresses.

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- **Paragraph 12 of the concluding observations:** While thanking the State party for the information provided, the Committee notes that the reply does not contain answers to the specific recommendations made in paragraph 12. Consequently, the State party is requested to supply information (i) on human rights training for members of the militia; (ii) on the steps, if any, taken to facilitate complaints concerning the militia by members of vulnerable groups, such as Roma; (iii) on actual complaints brought, including statistics on cases brought and information on their outcome; and (iv) on cases where compensation has been provided for abuse by the militia.
- **Paragraph 15 of the concluding observations:** The Committee welcomes the information on the steps taken to provide housing facilities for persons formerly deported from Crimea. In light of information received by the Committee according to which no mechanisms exist to return the approximately 1,000,000 hectares of land confiscated from Crimean Tartars in 1944 or to supply compensation, the Committee requests specific and concrete information on the possibilities to claim restitution for formerly confiscated property and on the treatment of such claims. In addition, the State party is requested to comment on the allegations that many Crimean Tartars have received land in areas that they consider undesirable and to inform the Committee on the steps which the State party will take to assure that all Crimean Tartars live in areas with basic infrastructure. With respect to land allotments, the State party is requested to supply information (i) on the percentage of Crimean Tartars that have received plots of land; (ii) on the principles used to distribute land; and (iii) on the allegation that Tartars in average have received less than half the land of non-Tatars (1.14 hectares as compared to 2.4 hectares).

Allow me to reiterate the wish of the Committee to pursue its constructive dialogue with your Government, and to underline that the Committee's observations and request for further information are made with a view to assisting your Government in the effective implementation of the Convention.

Yours sincerely,



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Elimination of Racial Discrimination