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Excellency,

On behalf of the co-Rapporteurs for the follow-up to concluding observations and in my capacity as Chair of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, we have the honour to refer to the examination of the third periodic report submitted by Lithuania at its 30<sup>th</sup> meeting, held on 3 March 2023. In the concluding observations (E/C.12/LTU/CO/3), the Committee requested Lithuania to provide, within 24 months, written information on the steps undertaken to implement the recommendations contained in paragraphs 9, 17 and 51.

The Committee welcomes the follow-up report (E/C.12/LTU/FCO/3) received on 19 February 2025 under its follow-up procedure. The Committee examined the report at its seventy-ninth session, held from 9 to 25 February 2026, and wishes to communicate the following assessment:

**Paragraph 9: National Minorities – Overall assessment: Not enough information for assessment**

**Para 9 – Assessment: Not enough information for assessment.** The Committee welcomes the adoption of the Act on National Minorities No. XIV-3079 by the Lithuanian Seimas providing for the legal protection of fundamental rights and freedoms of national minorities, prescribing definition of national minorities, and establishing the status and functions of the Council of National Minorities with a view to enhancing their representation and participation in decision-making processes. The Committee notes that, although the Act recognises the use of minority languages in public and private settings, not sufficient information is provided on how this right may be exercised in public in compliance with existing state language regulations. The Committee further notes the absence of comprehensive information with regard to the impact of measures adopted in relation to the protection of the language, religion, culture and identity of national minorities, including the Polish, Russian and Belarussian minorities, including the ad interim measures requested by the recommendation.

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Accordingly, the Committee's overall assessment of the recommendations contained in paragraph 9 is **there is not sufficient information for the assessment** . The Committee requests the State Party to provide, in its next periodic report, comprehensive information on the impact of measures taken to guarantee that the implementation of the Act on National Minorities effectively protects the rights of all national minorities, including in relation to their language, religion, culture and identity.

**Paragraph 17: Climate change – Overall assessment: Partial progress**

The Committee acknowledges the information in relation to the updated National Energy and Climate Action Plan for 2021–2030 (NECAP), the revised version of the Climate Change Management Law, and the updated 2022-2025 Climate Change Program investment plan and significant public investment on the matter. However, the Committee notes the absence of up-to-date information that comprehensively evidence measurable reductions in greenhouse gas emissions, in particular projected gas emissions in the transport, agriculture and other sectors, in relation to the State Party's nationally determined contributions under the Paris Agreement and its goal of achieving net-zero emissions by 2050.

Accordingly, the overall assessment of the recommendations contained in paragraph 17 is **partial progress**. The Committee requests the State Party to provide, in its next periodic report, detailed information in relation to the projected greenhouse gas emissions, particularly in the transport, agriculture and other sectors, as well as information on efforts undertaken by the State Party to meet its nationally determined contributions under the Paris Agreement, including an update on the State Party's efforts to transition to a net zero greenhouse gas emissions economy by 2050.

**Paragraph 51: Right to adequate housing – Overall assessment: Partial progress**

**Para 51(a) – Assessment: Partial progress.** The Committee welcomes the information in relation to the State Party's plans to amend its Law on Housing Support to establish social housing standards and ensure lease security for people with disabilities. The Committee welcomes the Ministerial Order No. A1-423, which promotes investment in social inclusion activities, including ex-prisoners and homeless people. However, the Committee regrets reports that the State Party has gradually reduced national funding for social housing development, relying mainly on the European Union and, to a lesser extent, municipalities.

The Committee regrets information on challenges in strategic coordination across levels of government on housing policies and investments, and that related municipal responsibilities often exceed their technical and financial capacities. It also notes with concern the information about inadequate levels of public investment in housing, the limited prioritization of housing on policy agenda, and the need to improve housing quality and energy efficiency, which disproportionately affects low-income households.

**Para 51(b) – Assessment: Not enough information for assessment** . The Committee acknowledges the information in relation to the State Party's plans to increase housing credit subsidies and review initial contribution amounts. However, it notes the absence of information on measures to expand the availability of adequate and affordable housing and their impact. The Committee regrets the lack of information to adequately reflect how these measures respond to the housing demand, including for measures to promote market-based solutions. In particular, it notes that rising energy costs have

increased demand for heating subsidies, yet the informal rental market severely limits access to such support, restricting affordable housing options.

**Para 51(c) – Assessment: Partial progress.** The Committee notes the information in relation to the completion of the OECD project on models to assist those at risk of homelessness and the approval of Ministerial Order No. A1-423, which promotes investment in social inclusion for vulnerable groups, including the homeless by applying a more robust and structured scope. However, it regrets that the State Party’s report lacks information on long-term measures addressing the root causes of homelessness, poverty and adequate access to water and sanitation in the housing efforts . The Committee also notes reports that social services are insufficient and that housing support, such as rent compensation and social housing, does not meet the needs of single homeless persons.

Accordingly, the overall assessment of the recommendations contained in paragraph 51 is **partial progress**. The Committee requests that the State Party, in its next periodic report, provide detailed information on measures taken to: (a) ensure national housing policy prioritizes marginalized and vulnerable groups, with sufficient funding for implementation; (b) increase the availability of adequate and affordable housing, including social housing and housing subsidies; and (c) address the root causes of homelessness and adopt sustainable, long-term solutions for homeless persons, in line with General Comments No. 4 (1991) and No. 15 (2002) and the Committee’s statement on the right to sanitation.

The Committee looks forward to continuing its constructive dialogue with the State party, with a view to assisting it in ensuring the effective implementation of the Covenant.

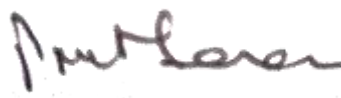
Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.



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