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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 the follow-up to the examination of the second periodic report of Serbia.

At the end of its 101st session, the Committee transmitted its concluding observations to your Permanent Mission. You may recall that, in paragraph 25 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 12, 17 and 22 of the concluding observations.

On 30 April 2012, I sent you a letter of reminder for that information. On 27 July 2012, the Committee received the follow-up reply of the State party. The Committee analysed the information provided at its 107th session held in March 2013 and adopted the following decisions:

- Paragraph 12: Additional information remains necessary on the measures taken (i) to expedite the investigations; (ii) to encourage witnesses to testify in court; and on the reasons of Belgrade Appellate Court's ruling to quash the verdict against Radojko Repanovic.

The Committee also noted that no information was provided on the compensations awarded to the relatives of the victims.

- Paragraph 17: Additional action and information are required to enhance the independence of the judiciary, including with regard to the large power retained by the High Judicial Court over the appointment of judges. On the procedures to facilitate speedy trials, additional information is requested on the guarantees in place to protect the access to justice of all parties to a case.
- Paragraph 22: Additional actions and information remain necessary: (i) to improve the access of the Roma to employment and housing; (ii) to eradicate negative stereotypes on the Roma population; and (iii) to guarantee the integration of Roma children into mainstream education.

His Excellency
Mr. Uglješa Zvekić
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representative



The next follow-up report of the Human Rights Committee will be adopted in October 2013. If the State party wishes the referred information 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 **1 July 2013** (ccpr@ohchr.org and Kate Fox: kfox@ohchr.org).

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

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

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Special Rapporteur

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