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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 examination of the third periodic report of Estonia at the Committee's 99th session, held in July 2010.

At the end of that session, the Committee's concluding observations were transmitted to your Permanent Mission. You may recall that, in paragraph 18 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 5 and 6 of the concluding observations.

Follow-up information on the referred paragraphs was received on 12 August 2011, and was analysed at the 103rd session of the Committee. On 28 November, the Committee sent a letter to the State party, requesting additional information on paragraphs 5 and 6, and the State party replied on 20 January 2012. At its 104<sup>th</sup> session, the Committee analysed the complementary replies.

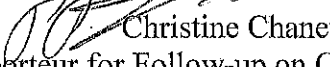
While taking note of the high level of collaboration of the State party, the Committee considered that additional information remains necessary on the following issues:

- Paragraph 5: the Committee requires updated information on the decisions taken, when made, to establish a NHRI.
- Paragraph 6: updated information is necessary on the status of the application for the programme to be financed by the Norwegian financial Mechanism, and on the outcome of the negotiations by the Ministry of Social Affairs on the creation of the Gender Equality Council, once finalized.

Therefore, I write to request that the above-mentioned additional information be submitted to the Committee at Your Government's earliest convenience. The reply should be sent in a Word electronic version to the Secretariat of the Human Rights Committee (Kate Fox ([kfox@ohchr.org](mailto:kfox@ohchr.org)) and Albane Prophette-Pallasco ([aprophette@ohchr.org](mailto:aprophette@ohchr.org))).

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

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

  
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