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Dear Mr. Zannier,

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 at the Committee's 87<sup>th</sup> session, held in July 2006, of the report submitted by the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo on the human rights situation in Kosovo since June 1999. You may recall that, in paragraph 24 of the concluding observations, the Committee requested UNMIK to provide, within six months, information on the specific areas of concern identified in paragraphs 12, 13 and 18.

On 11 March 2008, your Office provided information on these paragraphs. During the 93<sup>rd</sup> session of the Committee, held in Geneva in July 2008, I met with Mr. Roque C. Raymundo, Senior Human Rights Advisor to UNMIK to discuss and obtain further clarification on a number of issues arising under paragraphs 13 and 18 of the above-mentioned concluding observations. On the basis of the information received, the Committee noted during its 93<sup>rd</sup> session that the replies on paragraphs 13 and 18 were incomplete.

On 7 November 2008, your Office provided additional information on paragraphs 13 and 18. During its 95<sup>th</sup> session, held in March 2009, the Committee noted, however, that the information on these paragraphs remained incomplete. On 3 June and 27 August 2009, I wrote to you requesting further additional information on the above mentioned paragraphs, in particular on (a) the prosecution and sentencing of perpetrators and the compensation schemes for victims, including the establishment of a compensation fund for families or relatives of missing persons and legal aid schemes available to indigent claimants (para. 13); and (b) on the safe return of displaced persons, in particular minorities, the measures taken to improve the socio-economic conditions for returnees and their recovery of their properties or compensation for the loss, as well as on the inclusion of returnees in the rental scheme established by the Kosovo Property Agency (para. 18).

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On 12 November 2009, your Office provided the requested additional information on paragraphs 13 and 18. At its 99<sup>th</sup> session, held in July 2010, the Committee, while acknowledging the cooperativeness of UNMIK, considered, however, that those recommendations have not been fully implemented.

The Committee expresses appreciation for its constructive dialogue with UNMIK on the implementation of the Covenant.

Yours sincerely,

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