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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 follow-up to the examination of the report submitted by the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo on the human rights situation in Kosovo since June 1999.

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 93rd session of the Committee, held in Geneva in July 2008, my predecessor 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 93rd 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 95th session, held in March 2009, the Committee noted, however, that the information on these paragraphs remained incomplete. On 3 June and 27 August 2009, my predecessor 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 99th session, held in July 2010, the Committee, while acknowledging the cooperativeness of UNMIK, considered, however, that those recommendations had not been fully implemented.

Since then, no further information has been received on the implementation of these recommendations. In the spirit of a good understanding and transparency, I should be grateful to meet with you, in your quality of Special representative of the Secretary-General for the United Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo during the 102^{nd} session of the Committee, to be held from the 11^{th} to the 29^{th} July 2011 at the United Nations Headquarters in Geneva, to discuss the matters set out above. I look forward to the Mission's advice of a mutually convenient time for this meeting. In this regard, you are invited to contact Ms. Kate Fox, Secretary of the Human Rights Committee in Geneva (KFox@ohchr.org, tél. 0041-22-917 9398), or Ms. Albane Prophette-Pallasco, Human Rights Officer (aprophette@ohchr.org, tél. 0041-22-917 9719).

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

Yours sincerely,

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