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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 third periodic report of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

At the end of its 93rd session, the Committee transmitted its concluding observations to your Permanent Mission. You may recall that, in paragraph 21 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 9, 14 and 16 of the concluding observations.

On 18 August 2008, the State party provided information on these paragraphs. At its 94th session, held in October 2008, the Committee noted that the information provided was incomplete. On 10 December 2008, my predecessor wrote to your Permanent Mission requesting additional information from the State party on the above mentioned paragraphs.

On the 20 November 2010, complementary information was provided by the State party and was analysed at the 101st session of the Committee. On 2 August 2011, a letter was sent to the State party, requesting additional information on paragraphs 14 and 15.

On 19 October 2011, a reply was received from the State party. During its 104th session in March 2012, the Committee analysed the information provided through reference to the 5th periodic report of the State party to the Committee against Torture.

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While taking note of the renewed collaboration of the State party, the Committee considered that additional information remained necessary on the following points:

- Paragraph 14: the progress and outcomes of the work of the Iraq Historic Allegations team; and on the conclusions and decisions of the Abha Mousa case and of the Al Sweady Inquiry;
- Paragraph 15: the specificities of terrorism legislation in Northern Ireland referred to in the State party's reply when stating: "The Northern Ireland-specific provisions contained in Part VII of the Terrorism Act 2000 were repealed on 31 July 2007 as part of a security normalisation programme [...]. Terrorism legislation in Northern Ireland is now **for the most part** identical to the rest of the UK."

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) and Albane Prophette-Pallasco (aprophette@ohchr.org)).

The Committee looks forward to pursuing its constructive dialogue with the authorities of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on the implementation of the Covenant.

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



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