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Excellency,

In my capacity as Special Rapporteur for Follow-up to concluding observations of the Human Rights Committee, I have the honour to refer to the examination of the fourth periodic report of the Netherlands.

As you know, in paragraph 29 of its concluding observations, the Committee requested the State party to provide within one year further information on the specific areas of concern identified in paragraphs 7, 9 and 23 of the concluding observations.

On 16 September 2011, the State party submitted information on these paragraphs. During the 103rd session of the Committee, held in October 2011 in Geneva, the Committee considered that the reply on paragraphs 9 and 23 was partially satisfactory, but that additional and more precise information was required on the following issues:

- The measures taken to ensure that asylum seekers are given the opportunity to adequately substantiate their claims through the presentation of evidence (paragraph 9).
- The number of asylum applications made and the number rejected on the basis of the application of the principle of "non-refoulement" in the last five years (paragraph 9).

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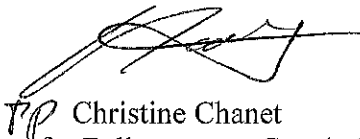
- The implementation status and schedule for the follow-up project to the "Schoonmaken Terreinen"; the overhaul of the sanitary system, and the provision of a daily programme of activities in the Bon Futuro Prison; and the provision of education for adults and young offenders in the Bonaire Remand Prison (paragraph 23).
- Updated information on the progresses made for the implementation of the described measures in the Bon Futuro Prison and the Bonaire Remand Prison, and the evaluation and lessons learnt on such progresses (paragraph 23).

The Committee also considered that the recommendation of paragraph 7 has not been implemented.

Therefore, I write to request that the above-mentioned additional information be submitted to the Committee at Your Government's earliest convenience. A Word electronic version of the reply should be sent 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 Netherlands on the implementation of the Covenant.

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



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