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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 first periodic report of Botswana, at the Committee's 92nd session, held in March 2008. At the end of that session, the Committee's concluding observations were transmitted to your Permanent Mission. You may recall that, in paragraph 26 of the concluding observations, the Committee requested that further information be provided within one year on the specific areas of concern identified in paragraphs 12, 13, 14 and 17.

On 8 September and 11 December 2009, reminders were sent to your Permanent Mission, observing that the information sought by the Committee had not yet been provided. At its 99th session, held in July 2010 in Geneva, the Committee noted that the requested additional information remained outstanding.

In light thereof, I would be grateful for an opportunity to meet with a representative of Botswana during the 100th session of the Committee, to be held from 11 to 29 October 2010 at Palais Wilson in Geneva, to discuss the matters set out above. I look forward to the Permanent Mission's views regarding a mutually convenient time for this meeting. In this regard, you are invited to contact Mr. Anganile Mwenifumbo, (amwenifumbo@ohchr.org, phone: +41 22 91 793 37).

The Committee looks forward to pursuing its constructive dialogue with the authorities of Botswana on the implementation of the Covenant, and, in that context, to receiving your response without further delay.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'PP' followed by a stylized flourish.

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