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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 third periodic report of Estonia at the Committee's 99th session, held in July 2010.

At the end of that session, the Committee's concluding observations were transmitted to your Permanent Mission. You may recall that, in paragraph 18 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 5 and 6 of the concluding observations.

On 12 August 2011, follow-up information on the referred paragraphs was received. At its 103rd session held in October 2011, the Committee took note of the collaboration of the State party and analysed the information provided.

The Committee considered that the answer provided was partially satisfactory, and that additional information should be provided on the following issues:

- The stage of the accreditation process reached by the Office of the Chancellor of Justice and all its areas of intervention (para. 5).
- Additional actions taken to assign the necessary financial and human resources to enable the Commissioner to fulfil its functions appropriately in compliance with the Equal Treatment Act, and to create a Gender Equality Council in application of the Gender Equality Act (para. 6).

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Therefore, I write to request that the above-mentioned additional information be submitted to the Committee at Your Government's earliest convenience.

The next session of the Human Rights Committee will take place in March 2012. If the State party wishes the referred information to be examined on this occasion, a Word electronic version of the reply should be sent to the Secretariat of the Human Rights Committee by 20 January 2012 (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 Russian Federation on the implementation of the Covenant.

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


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