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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 initial 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 the State party to provide within one year further information on the specific areas of concern identified in paragraphs 12, 13, 14, and 17 of the concluding observations.

During its 96th session, held in July 2009, the Committee noted that the requested information had not been received.

In light thereof, I should be grateful for clarifications as to the current status of your Government's responses on these matters, and as to the date when the requested information will be submitted. A Word electronic version of the report should be sent to the Secretariat of the Human Rights Committee (Ms. Carolin Schleker, cschleker@ohchr.org, copy to Ms. Nathalie Prouvez, nprouvez@ohchr.org). 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 to my enquiry without further delay.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Abdelfattah Amor'.

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