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Excellency,

I wish to inform you that the Committee on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, in the course of its 81st session, considered the follow-up report submitted by the Government of Norway, pursuant to Rule 65(1) of the Rules of Procedure of the Committee.

The Committee welcomes the timely submission of the report, in response to its request to receive information within one year on the implementation of the recommendations contained in paragraphs 9, 12, 13 and 16 of the Concluding Observations (CERD/C/NOR/CO/19-20), adopted following the consideration of the State party's combined nineteenth and twentieth periodic reports during its 78th session in March 2011.

The Committee appreciates the opportunity provided to continue its dialogue with the State party, and would like to draw the State party's attention to the observations mentioned below. The Committee requests that comments and responses on actions taken by the State party on these issues be included in its twenty-first and twenty-second periodic reports to be submitted in a single document by 5 September 2013.

Paragraph 9 of the Concluding Observations: The Committee thanks the State party for the information provided on the way it has implemented the Committee's recommendation regarding efforts undertaken to eliminate discrimination against migrants, refugees and asylum-seekers and promote their integration into society. The Committee requests updated information on the promotion of the right to adequate housing for these groups.

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The Committee requests additional information on the impact of the guidelines for promoting pluralism in the public sector and statistical data or trends in the recruitment of immigrants in this sector.

Paragraph 12 of the Concluding Observations: The Committee welcomes measures taken by the State party for asylum-seeking children, in particular the appointment of a legal guardian and a pilot project aiming to ensure faster transfer of these children to the municipalities. The Committee looks forward to receiving additional information on the legislative proposal on immigration, the new Guardianship Act, and their implementation in practice.

Paragraph 13 of the Concluding Observations: The Committee notes the additional efforts made by the State party to improve the material conditions of asylum-seekers. The Committee reiterates its recommendation that the State party provide the necessary mental and psychological health services to foreign nationals in the Trandum Holding Centre.

Paragraph 16 of the Concluding Observations: The Committee wishes to receive statistical data disaggregated by age, origin and ethnicity of people seeking assistance or shelter from the crisis centres. The Committee also asks for detailed information on the contents of the training provided to staff members of the centres to equip them with knowledge and skills to meet the needs of all people seeking assistance from these centres, including foreign women who are victims of human trafficking or violence.

Rest assured, Excellency, that the Committee looks forward to continuing its constructive dialogue with the Government of Norway, with a view to providing it with assistance in its efforts to ensure the effective implementation of the Convention.

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



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