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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 Slovakia at the Committee's 101st session, held in March 2011.

At the end of that session, the Committee's concluding observations were transmitted to your Permanent Mission. You may recall that, in paragraph 19 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 7, 8 and 13 of the concluding observations.

Follow-up information on the referred paragraphs was received on 28 March 2012, and was analysed at the 106th session of the Committee. While taking note of the collaboration of the State party, the Committee considered the following:

- With regard to paragraph 7, the Committee considered it necessary to request **additional information on the remedies available for victims for the violation of their rights under the Covenant.**
- On paragraph 8, the Committee considered that **additional information remains necessary** on the compensations received by victims of racist acts perpetrated by law enforcement officers, as well as on the available mechanisms of investigation, prosecution and punishment of law enforcement officers who have committed such crimes.
- As referred to paragraph 13, the Committee considered that positive actions have been taken, but that **no information is provided on the actions taken to monitor the implementation of Act No. 576/2004** to ensure that all procedures are followed in obtaining the full and informed consent of women, particularly Roma women, who seek sterilization services at health facilities. The Committee therefore **reiterates its recommendation and requests the State party to provide information on the issue.**

Therefore, I write to request that the above-mentioned additional information be submitted to the Committee by 15 March 2013. The reply should be sent in a **Word electronic version** 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 Poland on the implementation of the Covenant. Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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