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Excellency,

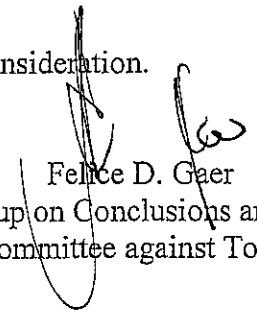
In my capacity as Rapporteur for follow-up on Conclusions and Recommendations of the United Nations Committee against Torture, I refer to the examination of the initial report of Uganda (CAT/C/5/Add.32) by this Committee, at its 34th session, from 2 to 21 May 2005. At the end of that session, the Committee's Conclusions and Recommendations (CAT/C/CR/34/UGA) were transmitted to your Permanent Mission. In paragraph 14 of those Conclusions and Recommendations, the Committee asked, pursuant to its rules of procedures, that Uganda provide, within one year (by May 2006) further information regarding areas of particular concern identified by the Committee in paragraph 10 (h), (i), (j), (n) and (o) (see extracts annexed).

The Committee has adopted a follow-up procedure to pursue issues that are serious, that can be accomplished by the State party in a one year period, and that are protective.

The information sought by the Committee has not been provided yet, although more than one year has elapsed from the transmittal of the Committee's Conclusions and Recommendations. Accordingly, I would be grateful for clarification as to the current status of your Government's responses on the matters, and as to when the information requested will be forthcoming. Upon receipt of this information, the Committee will be able to assess whether further action is needed.

The Committee looks forward to pursuing the constructive dialogue it has started with the authorities of Uganda on the implementation of the Convention. In this context, the Committee seeks to receive your response to this enquiry.

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.


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**CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS SUBMITTED BY STATES PARTIES
UNDER ARTICLE 19 OF THE CONVENTION**

Conclusions and recommendations of the Committee against Torture
(Extracts for follow-up)

UGANDA

(...)

E. Recommendations

10. The Committee recommends that the State party take all necessary legislative, administrative and judicial measures to prevent acts of torture and ill-treatment in its territory, and in particular that it:

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(h) Minimize the number of security forces and agencies with the power to arrest, detain and investigate and ensure that the police remains the primary law enforcement agency;

(i) Abolish the use of "ungazetted" or unauthorized places of detention or "safe houses", and immediately provide information about all places of detention;

(j) Allow independent human rights monitors, including the Uganda Human Rights Commission, full access to all official and non-official places of detention, without notice;

(...)

(n) Act without delay to protect the civilian population in areas of armed conflict in northern Uganda from violations by the Lord's Resistance Army and members of the security forces. In particular, the State party should protect internally displaced persons confined in camps, which are constantly exposed to attacks from the Lord's Resistance Army;

(o) Take the necessary steps, as a matter of extreme urgency and in a comprehensive manner, to prevent the abduction of children by the Lord's Resistance Army and to facilitate the reintegration of former child soldiers into society;

(...)

14. The Committee requests the State party to provide, within one year, information on its response to the Committee's recommendations contained in paragraphs 10 (h), (i), (j), (n) and (o) above.

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