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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 fourth periodic report of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, at the Committee's 91st session, held in October 2007. At the end of that session, the Committee's concluding observations were transmitted to your Permanent Mission. You may recall that, in paragraph 31 of the concluding observations, the Committee requested that further information be provided within one year on the specific areas of concern identified in paragraphs 10, 21, and 23.

On 16 December 2008 and 9 June 2009, reminders were sent to your Permanent Mission observing that the information sought by the Committee had not yet been provided. On 24 July 2009, the State party provided information on the above mentioned paragraphs. At its 97th session, held in October 2009 in Geneva, the Committee noted that the information provided was incomplete and requested additional information from the State party, in particular on:

(a) the concrete steps taken to combat violence against women, including the implementation of existing legislation in this regard, as well as disaggregated data on prosecutions (paragraph 10);

(b) the proposed amendments to the penal code and the timeframe envisaged for their adoption (paragraph 21); and

(c) limitations on the right to freedom of opinion and expression in law, if any, and their compatibility with the Covenant, as well as information on amendments to such legislation that are currently considered (paragraph 23).

On 4 January and 23 April 2010, I wrote to your Permanent Mission requesting additional information as to the progress achieved in relation to these matters. At its 99th session, held in July 2010 in Geneva, the Committee noted that the requested additional information had not yet been received.

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In light thereof, I would be grateful to meet with a representative of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya during the 100th session of the Committee, to be held from 11 to 29 October 2010 at Palais Wilson in Geneva, to discuss the matters set out above. I look forward to the Permanent Mission's advice of a mutually convenient time for this meeting. In this regard, you are invited to contact Mr. Anganile Mwenifumbo, (amwenifumbo@ohchr.org, phone: +41 22 91 793 37).

The Committee looks forward to pursuing its constructive dialogue with the authorities of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya on the implementation of the Covenant, and, in that context, to receiving your response without further delay.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'PP.' followed by a stylized signature.

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