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Excellency,

In our respective capacities as Chairperson of the Committee against Torture and Rapporteur of the Committee for Follow-up to Concluding Observations, we have the honor to refer to the follow-up to the examination of the combined fifth and sixth periodic reports of Guatemala, in accordance with the Guidelines for Follow-Up to Concluding Observations (CAT/C/55/3).

At the end of its 50th session, the Committee transmitted its concluding observations to your Permanent Mission. The Committee's concluding observations (CAT/C/GTM/CO/5-6, para. 28) requested the State Party to provide within one year further information on the specific areas of concern identified in paragraphs 13, 14 and 18 of the concluding observations.

On behalf of the Committee, allow us to express appreciation for your letter of 17 July 2014, providing your Government's response on the above-mentioned paragraphs (CAT/C/GTM/CO/5-6/Add.1), and to make the following comments:

Violence against women (para.13)

The Committee appreciates the thorough and extensive information provided and considers that the State Party has taken substantive steps towards the implementation of this recommendation. However, the information included in the State party's follow-up submission to the Committee regarding shelters and other support for victims of violence against women only addresses support provided to victims of trafficking, while no information is provided about redress to victims of violence against women. Please provide to the Committee the information requested in recommendation 13 (c) of the concluding observations (3/B1).

Human rights defenders (para. 14)

The Committee appreciates the thorough and extensive information provided by the State party and considers this recommendation as implemented. The Committee would appreciate receiving information regarding the effectiveness of the measures taken, including statistical data, in preventing threats and attacks against human rights defenders. (3/A).

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Detention conditions (para. 18)

The Committee considers that the information provided does not respond fully to the recommendation. Based on the information available, the Committee considers that the State party has only taken initial steps towards their implementation. The State party is therefore invited to provide information, including about measures taken to ensure the investigation and prosecution of all cases of prison violence, in particular torture and ill-treatment. (2/B2).

The Government of Guatemala is encouraged to provide additional information, if any, which may further contribute to the Committee's analysis of the progress made regarding the specific issues of concern. This additional information may be provided in any subsequent report by the State party pursuant to the Committee's request in its concluding observations on the fifth periodic report of Estonia.

The Committee looks forward to a continued constructive dialogue with the authorities of Guatemala on the implementation of the Convention.

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.

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