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Excellence,

En tant que Rapporteur Spécial chargé du suivi des observations finales du Comité des droits de l'homme, j'ai l'honneur de me référer à l'examen du premier rapport périodique de Mauritanie par le Comité.

A la fin de sa 109<sup>ème</sup> session en octobre 2013, le Comité a transmis ses observations finales à votre Mission permanente. A ce sujet, vous vous rappellerez qu'au paragraphe 26 des observations finales, le Comité avait sollicité dans un délai d'un an des informations sur certaines questions spécifiques ayant fait l'objet de préoccupations identifiées par le Comité (paragraphe 5, 14, 17 et 19 des observations finales).

Le 7 novembre 2014, l'État partie a fourni des informations concernant ces paragraphes. Durant sa 113<sup>ème</sup> session, le Comité a analysé ce rapport de suivi et a considéré que des informations complémentaires restaient nécessaires sur les paragraphes 5, 14, 17 et 19. Une lettre a été envoyée en ce sens le 13 avril 2015.

Le 1 mai 2015, le Comité a reçu la réponse de l'État partie. Cette deuxième réponse de suivi a été analysée par le Comité au cours de sa 116<sup>ème</sup> session, en mars 2016. Prenant note de la collaboration de l'État partie, le Comité a adopté les positions suivantes sur les paragraphes objet de suivi (recommandations disponibles en anglais seulement):

- **Paragraphe 5 :** “[B2]: The Committee welcomes the publication of the Acts ratifying the human rights treaties and conventions, as well as the texts of these instruments in the Official Gazette. The Committee notes the information provided by the State party on seminars carried out and cases where provisions of the Covenant have been invoked before the courts, but requests clarification on whether these measures were conducted after the adoption of the Committee’s concluding observations on Mauritania (CCPR/C/MRT/CO/1), on 30 October 2013. The Committee reiterates its follow-up recommendations requesting detailed information on measures taken after the adoption of the Committee’s concluding observations, particularly:

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(a) measures taken to raise judges', lawyers' and prosecutors' awareness of the Covenant, including any seminars and trainings carried out; and

(b) cases where provisions of the Covenant have been invoked directly before the courts”.

- **Paragraphe 14 :** “[B2]:(a) The Committee requires information on the progress of the adoption of the draft law on torture and on its content. The Committee reiterates its recommendation.

[C1]:(b) The Committee requires more information on measures taken after the adoption of the Committee’s concluding observations on Mauritania (CCPR/C/MRT/CO/1), on 30 October 2013, to investigate alleged cases of torture, to bring perpetrators to justice, and, when appropriate, to impose sentences, and to compensate victims. The Committee also requires additional information on case No. 1272/2012, referred to by the State party, including the dates of the sentences, in which eight members of the National Guard were sentenced to between 1 and 4 years’ imprisonment for having tortured two detainees.

[B2]:(c) The Committee notes the information provided by the State party, but requires information on measures taken after the adoption of the Committee’s concluding observations on Mauritania (CCPR/C/MRT/CO/1), on 30 October 2013. In particular, additional information is required on the number of trainings, dates of trainings, and the number and composition of participants. The Committee reiterates its recommendation.

[B1]:(d) The Committee welcomes the report that NGOs, along with other international and national human rights organisations, are granted unfettered access to places of detention. The Committee requires information regarding the visits by NGOs and national and international human rights organizations that have been conducted, including the location and dates of the visits.

[B1]:(e) The Committee welcomes the adoption of the Bill on the National Mechanism for the Prevention of Torture on 26 February 2015 by the Council of Ministers and requires information on the content of the Bill and the progress of its adoption by the Parliament.”

- **Paragraphe 17:** “[B2]:(a) The Committee acknowledges the information on investigations and prosecutions into cases of slavery provided by the State party. The Committee reiterates its recommendations and requires additional information on:

(i) whether the figure of 31 cases refers to the number of completed prosecutions since October 2013 or includes cases on slavery pending before the courts;

(ii) a breakdown of the completed prosecutions for slavery by the number of convictions, acquittals, and specific sentences imposed;

(iii) specific measures taken to provide compensation for, and rehabilitate the victims; and

(iv) the progress of the establishment of the Special Court on Slavery under the bill currently being considered by the Parliament.



**[B1]:(b)** The Committee welcomes the extensive information provided on the roadmap for the eradication of slavery. The Committee requires information on the progress of the projects under the roadmap.

**[C1]:(c)** The Committee requires information on measures taken after the adoption of the Committee's concluding observations on Mauritania (CCPR/C/MRT/CO/1), on 30 October 2013. In particular, additional information is required on the awareness campaigns being run by NGOs, and any awareness campaigns being conducted by the State party".

- **Paragraphe 19:** "**[B1]:(a)** The Committee acknowledges the statistics provided by the State party and requires information on measures taken to address overcrowding in Nouakchott detention facility. The Committee also requires information on the capacity of each detention facility and number of inmates held therein

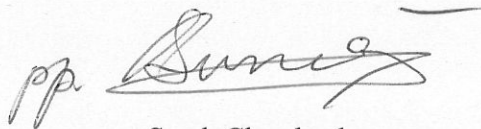
**[B2]:(b)** The Committee acknowledges the actions taken by the State party to improve conditions, but requires information on which measures have been taken since the adoption of the Committee's concluding observations on Mauritania (CCPR/C/MRT/CO/1), on 30 October 2013".

Le 15 avril 2016, le Rapporteur Spécial chargé du suivi des observations finales du Comité des droits de l'homme vous a envoyé une lettre de rappel. Au cours de sa 117<sup>e</sup> session, tenue à Genève, en juillet 2016, le Comité a noté qu'aucune réponse n'avait été reçue sur les questions en attente. Par conséquent, je me permets de vous écrire afin de demander que les informations requises soient envoyées au Comité, dès que possible.

Si l'État partie souhaite que sa réponse soit prise en compte dans le prochain rapport de suivi du Comité des droits de l'homme, la version électronique de l'information requise devra être transmise en **format « Word »** au Secrétariat du Comité des Droits de l'homme **avant 9 décembre 2016** (Mme. Kate Fox, [kfox@ohchr.org](mailto:kfox@ohchr.org)).

Le Comité espère vivement poursuivre à cette occasion son dialogue constructif avec les autorités de Mauritanie sur la mise en œuvre du Pacte.

Je vous prie d'agréer, Excellence, l'expression de ma très haute considération.



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