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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 initial report of Andorra, in accordance with the Guidelines for Follow-Up to Concluding Observations (CAT/C/55/3).

At the end of its 51<sup>st</sup> session, the Committee transmitted its concluding observations to your Permanent Mission. The Committee's concluding observations (CAT/C/AND/CO/1, para. 24) requested the State Party to provide within one year further information on the specific areas of concern identified in paragraphs 8, 13 and 19 of the concluding observations.

On behalf of the Committee, allow us to express appreciation for your letter of 19 November 2014, providing your Government's response on the above-mentioned paragraphs (CAT/C/AND/CO/1/Add.1), and to make the following comments:

Fundamental legal safeguards (para. 8)

The Committee appreciates the thorough information provided by the State party and considers that the recommendation has been largely implemented. The Committee would appreciate receiving information showing that this right is implemented in practice (3/A).

Violence against women (para. 13)

The Committee considers that thorough information has been provided by the State party and that the recommendation has largely been implemented (3/A).

Electrical discharge weapons (para.19)

The Committee appreciates the thorough information provided by the State party. However, in view of the fact that even after the revision of the guidelines the use of electrical discharge weapons is still permitted in prisons, it considers that the recommendation has not been implemented (3/C).

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The Government of Andorra 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 initial report of Andorra.

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

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.

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