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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 fifth periodic report of Australia at the Committee's 95th session, held in March 2009. At the end of that session, the Committee's concluding observations were transmitted to your Permanent Mission. You may recall that, in paragraph 29 of the concluding observations, the Committee requested the State party to provide within one year further information on the specific areas of concern identified in paragraphs 11, 14, 17 and 23 of the concluding observations.

At its 99th session, held in July 2010 in Geneva, the Committee noted that no such information had been received.

Therefore, I write to request that the above-mentioned additional information be submitted at Your Government's earliest convenience. A Word electronic version of the reply should be sent to the Secretariat of the Human Rights Committee (Mr. Anganile Mwenifumbo, amwenifumbo@ohchr.org). The Committee looks forward to pursuing its constructive dialogue with the authorities of Australia on the implementation of the Covenant.

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

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