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Excellency,

I wish to inform you that the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, in the course of its 92nd session, considered the follow-up report submitted by the Government of Lithuania, pursuant to Rule 65 (1) of the Rules of Procedure of the Committee.

The Committee welcomes the timely submission of the report, in response to its request to receive information within one year on the implementation of the recommendations contained in paragraphs 7, 27, 31 and 36 of the Concluding Observations (CERD/C/LTU/CO/6-8), adopted following the consideration of the State party's combined 6th to 8th periodic reports, at its 88th session in December 2015.

The Committee appreciates the opportunity provided to continue its dialogue with the State party, and would like to draw the State party's attention to the observations mentioned below. The Committee requests that comments and responses on actions taken by the State party on these issues be included in its 9th and 10th periodic reports to be submitted in a single document on 9 January 2018.

Paragraph 7 of the Concluding Observations: The Committee welcomes information provided by the State party that the draft Law of National Minorities is ready for adoption and requests further updated information on if the law has been adopted, when it will enter into force, and efforts which will be under taken for its implementation.

Paragraph 27 of the Concluding Observations: The Committee notes the lack of information on monitoring the application of the new law on citizenship closely under which a person can be deprived of citizenship and left stateless. While noting information provided by the State party on the leaflet and guidance note for asylum seekers, the Committee requests further information of the effectiveness of these

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measures in achieving their objectives. The Committee also requests further detailed information on measures taken to improve reception conditions and the integration of refugees and asylum seekers, including the status of the draft resolution on approving the procedure for asylum seeker accommodation.

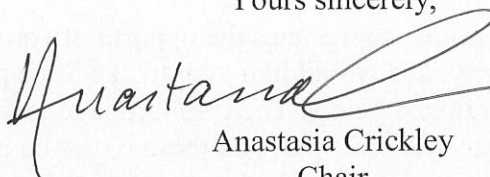
Paragraph 31 of the Concluding Observations: The Committee welcomes the State Party's efforts to adopt the draft law implementing the European Union Victim's directives. It requests further information on the application of these legal provisions to provide reparations to victims for acts of racial discrimination.

Paragraph 36 of the Concluding Observations: The Committee welcomes the efforts taken by the State party to implement this recommendation, and requests further information on when the amendment to the treaty will enter into force.

Rest assured, Excellency, that the Committee looks forward to continuing its constructive dialogue with the Government of Lithuania, with a view to providing it with assistance in its efforts to ensure the effective implementation of the Convention.

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

Yours sincerely,



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Chair

Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination