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Excellency,

In my capacity as Special Rapporteur for Follow-up to Concluding Observations of the Human Rights Committee, I have the honour to refer to the examination of the fourth periodic report of the United Republic of Tanzania at the 96th session of the Committee.

At the end of that session, the Committee's concluding observations were transmitted to your Permanent Mission. You may recall that, in paragraph 28 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, 16 and 20 of the concluding observations.

On 9 October 2012, follow-up information on the referred paragraphs was received. At its 107th session held in March 2013, the Committee decided that additional measures remain necessary to implement the referred recommendations. In this way, the Committee considered:

- Paragraph 11: **the recommendation has not been implemented.** Additional measures remain necessary (i) to criminalize female genital mutilation regarding women above the age of 18; (ii) to ensure that the perpetrators of FGM are brought to justice; (iii) and to reinforce activities in those regions where FGM remains widespread.

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- Paragraph 16: **additional measures remain necessary** to prohibit formally the application of corporal punishment as a judicial punishment, at home, and within the education system.
- Paragraph 20: **the recommendation has not been implemented.** Measures remain necessary by the Law Reform Commission to ensure the compatibility of national legislation with article 11 of the Covenant.

The fifth periodic report of the State party is due 1 August 2013. In light thereof, I write to request that information be included in that report on all the measures taken to ensure the full implementation of the referred recommendations. It should be submitted to the Committee by 1 August 2013, and should be sent in a **Word electronic version** to the Secretariat of the Human Rights Committee (Kate Fox (kfox@ohchr.org) and ccpr@ohchr.org).

The Committee looks forward to pursuing its constructive dialogue with the authorities of Tanzania on the implementation of the Covenant.

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



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