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Excellency,

I wish to inform you that the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, in the course of its 86<sup>th</sup> session, considered the follow-up report submitted by the Government of Cyprus, 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 13, 20 and 23 of the concluding observations (CERD/C/CYP/CO/17-22), adopted following the consideration of the State party's combined 17<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> periodic report during its 83<sup>rd</sup> session in August 2013.

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 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> periodic reports to be submitted in a single document on 4 January 2016.

**Paragraph 13 of the Concluding Observations:** The Committee thanks the State party for having addressed the matters contained in the recommendation. It encourages the State party to carry on with the initiatives mentioned in its response and provide updated information on concrete progress achieved in this area, including enforcement of legislation related to racist hate speech.

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**Paragraph 20 of the Concluding Observations:** The Committee takes note of the revised National Action Plan for the Integration of Third-Country Nationals Legally Residing in Cyprus which has involved broad consultations and benefited from treaty bodies recommendations. It welcomes the development of an anti-discriminatory legislation on education. While noting the information provided, the Committee requests the State party to include in its next periodic report updated data on the outcomes of various policies, programmes, strategies and action plans mentioned in its follow-up report, in relation to the situation of non-citizens and the enjoyment of their economic, social and cultural rights.

**Paragraph 23 of the Concluding Observations:** The Committee welcomes all measures taken by the State party to implement the Committee's recommendation in ensuring that the national human rights institution is compliant with the Paris Principles and for having applied for the accreditation of this institution by the International Coordinating Committee of National Human Rights Institutions. The Committee requests updated information on the status granted to this institution and its concrete work in the area of racial discrimination.

Rest assured, Excellency, that the Committee looks forward to continuing its constructive dialogue with the Government of Cyprus, 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

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