



REFERENCE:KF/fup-112

13 April 2015

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 follow-up to the examination of the second periodic report of Serbia.

At the end of its 101st session, the Committee transmitted its concluding observations to your Permanent Mission. You may recall that, in paragraph 25 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 12, 17 and 22 of the concluding observations.

Follow-up information on the paragraphs referred to was received on 25 July 2012. At its 107th session, held in March 2013, the Committee noted that the information provided was incomplete and requested additional information from the State party.

On 5 September 2014, the State party sent complementary information to the Human Rights Committee. At its 113th session, held in March in Geneva, the Committee analysed this information and adopted the following decisions:

- On paragraph 12: **[B2]** The Committee welcomes measures taken to expedite criminal investigations of war crimes against civilian population in Batajnica but regrets that insufficient information was provided on the outcome of the investigations of the killing of more than 800 persons found in mass graves in and near Batajnica and that no information was provided on the compensations awarded to the relatives of the victims. It requests additional information on:
 - (i) Progress on the investigations of the crimes occurred in Barajnica;
 - (ii) The sanctions applied to perpetrators other than Radojko Repanovic; and
 - (iii) The compensations awarded to the relatives of the victims.

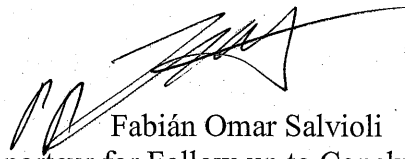
His Excellency Mr. Vladislav Mladenović
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representative
Fax: 022 839 33 59

- On paragraph 17: **[B1]** The Committee welcomes the adoption of the National Judicial Reform Strategy for the period 2013-2018 and its Action Plan. The Committee requires additional information on the impact of the measures taken to ensure strict observance of the independence of the judiciary. The Committee takes note of the amendments to the Organisation of Courts Act and requires information on the date of the adoption of such amendments and its impacts.
- On paragraph 22: **[B1]** The Committee welcomes measures taken to improve access of the Roma to employment, education and housing as well as to eradicate negative stereotypes of the Roma. The Committee requires further information, including statistical data on:
 - (i) The impact of the National Employment Strategy for the period 2011 – 2020, adopted in May 2011;
 - (ii) The impact of the National Social Housing Strategy, adopted in 2012;
 - (iii) The Roma families relocated to the temporary housing and if these families have been already relocated to permanent housing; and
 - (iv) The impact of the 2012 IPA Project, including the implementation of the third phase of the “joint project,” which aimed to improve the accessibility of pre-school education and the inclusion of children from vulnerable groups, particularly of the Roma children.

Taking into account that the next periodic report of the State party was due on 1 April 2015, the Committee considered that the follow-up procedure has come to an end. Nonetheless, the State party is required to provide the Committee with information on the issues referred to in the context of its third periodic report.

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

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



Fabián Omar Salvioli
Special Rapporteur for Follow-up to Concluding Observations
Human Rights Committee