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Excellency,

I write concerning follow-up to the conclusions observations adopted by the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination on 10 March 2005 (CERD/C/IRL/CO/2) in relation to Ireland's initial and second periodic reports submitted in a single document (CERD/C/460/Add.1).

The Committee welcomed with satisfaction the comments (CERD/C/IRL/CO/2/Add.1) sent by the Government of Ireland in which it set out the latest position in respect of the recommendations in the Concluding Observations of the Committee, with the intention to assist the Coordinator on Follow-up, Mr. Morten Kjaerum, in monitoring the implementation of the recommendations.

Following his visit to Ireland from 21 to 23 June at the invitation of your Government, Mr. Morten Kjaerum submitted his report in a plenary meeting on Thursday 3 August 2006. The report, which I attach to this letter, was formally endorsed by the Committee which expressed great appreciation for the commitment of your Government to pursue its very constructive dialogue with the Committee.

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Régis de Gouttes'.

Régis de Gouttes
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