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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 the examination of the fifth periodic report of Japan by the Committee at its 94th session, held in October 2008.

At the end of that session, the Committee's concluding observations were transmitted to your Permanent Mission. As you know, in paragraph 34 of the concluding observations, the Committee requested that information be provided within one year regarding the specific areas of concern identified in paragraphs 17, 18, 19 and 21 of the concluding observations.

On 21 December 2009, information was submitted on these paragraphs. During its 99th session, held in July 2010, the Committee noted that the information was incomplete. On 28 September 2010, the Committee sent a letter to your Permanent mission asking additional and more specific information on these paragraphs.

During its 103rd session held in October 2011, the Committee noted that no reply had been received and that the sixth periodic report of Japan was due on 29 October 2011. I therefore seize this opportunity to remind the State party to submit its report, including information on the issues raised by the Committee in its letter sent on 28 September 2010.

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

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Christine Chanet', written over a horizontal line.

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