28 April 2014

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 follow-up to the examination of the fourth periodic report of the Philippines at the 106th session, held in October 2012.

At the end of that session, the Committee’s concluding observations were transmitted 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 7, 16 and 20 of the concluding observations.

During the 110th session of the Committee, held in Geneva in March 2014, the Committee noted that information sought by the Committee had not yet been provided. Therefore, I write to request that the above-mentioned information be submitted at Your Government’s earliest convenience.

The next follow-up report of the Human Rights Committee will be adopted in October 2014. If the State party wishes the information referred to be taken into account on that occasion, the reply should be sent in a Word electronic version to the Secretariat of the Human Rights Committee by 5 August 2014 (Kate Fox: kfox@ohchr.org and Fernanda Santana: fsantana@ohchr.org).

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

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

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