1 December 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 examination of the fifth periodic report of Mongolia.

As you know, in paragraph 29 of its concluding observations, the Committee requested the State party to provide within one year further information on the specific areas of concern identified in paragraphs 5, 12 and 17 of the concluding observations.

On 21 May 2012, the State party submitted information on these paragraphs. During the 106th session of the Committee, held in October 2012 in Geneva, the Committee considered that the reply on paragraphs 5, 12 and 17 was partially satisfactory, but that additional and more precise information was required on the following issues:

- Paragraph 5: [B2] The Committee considered that additional information is needed on the measures taken (a) to provide the National Human Rights Commission with adequate funding to enable it to do its work properly, and (b) to safeguard the Commission’s independence.

[D1] The Committee noted that no information was provided on reforming the procedure for appointing Commission members. It considered that the recommendation has not yet been implemented.

- Paragraph 12: [B2] The Committee noted that the reopening of the case against four police officers involved in the state of emergency is a positive step. The Committee considered it necessary to request information on the outcomes of ongoing cases (court rulings and compensation provided to victims).

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[D1] The Committee noted that no information was provided on the measures taken with regard to other complaints about human rights violations during the state of emergency. It considered that the recommendation has not been implemented.

Paragraph 17: [A] The Committee noted that progress has been made in reforming the criminal justice system. The Committee requested the State party to provide information in the next periodic report on the adoption and implementation of the projects referred to.

[D1] The Committee noted that no information was provided on the investigation of allegations of corruption in the judicial system. The Committee considered that the recommendation has not been implemented and decided to request additional information.

On 28 April 2014, the Special Rapporteur for Follow-up to concluding observations of the Human Rights Committee sent you a letter of reminder. During its 112th session held in Geneva in October 2014, the Committee noted that no reply was received.

Taking this situation into account, the Committee decided to send a second reminder to the State party, requesting that the above-mentioned additional information be submitted to the Committee.

The next follow-up report will be adopted in March 2015. If the State party wishes the information referred to be taken into account on that occasion, a Word electronic version of the reply should be sent to the Secretariat of the Human Rights Committee by 15 January 2015 (Kate Fox: kfox@ohchr.org) and Fernanda Santana: fsantana@ohchr.org).

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

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

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