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 first periodic report of Sierra Leone at the 110th session, held in March 2014.

At the end of that session, the Committee’s concluding observations were transmitted to your Permanent Mission. You may recall that, in paragraph 26 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 14, 16 and 20 of the concluding observations.

During the 113th session of the Committee, held in Geneva in March 2015, 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 2015. 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 1 August 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 Sierra Leone on the implementation of the Covenant.

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

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