30 April 2012

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 follow-up to the examination of the third periodic report of Rwanda.

At the end of its 95th session held in March 2009, the Committee transmitted its concluding observations to your Permanent Mission. In paragraph 24 of the concluding observations, the Committee requested the State party to provide, within one year, information regarding the specific areas of concern identified by the Committee (paragraphs 12, 13, 14 and 17 of the concluding observations).

On 21 December 2010, the State party submitted information regarding these paragraphs. During the 101st session of the Committee, held in March 2011, the Committee considered that the submitted information was neither sufficient, nor specific enough. On 9 May 2011, a letter was sent to your Permanent Mission, requesting additional information, and on 19 September 2011, a reminder was sent.

At its 104th session held in March 2012, the Committee noted that the referred information had not been received. Therefore I write to request that the referred follow-up report be submitted to the Committee at Your Government’s earliest convenience.

The next report of the Human Rights Committee on follow-up to concluding observations will be adopted in October 2012. If the State party wishes the referred information 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 20 July 2012 (Kate Fox, kfox@ohchr.org and Albane Prophette-Pallasco, aprophette@ohchr.org).

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

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

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