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 fifth periodic report of Iraq at the 115th session, held in October-November 2015.

At the end of that session, the Committee’s concluding observations were transmitted to your Permanent Mission. You may recall that, in paragraph 46 of the concluding observations (CCPR/C/IRQ/CO/5), the Committee requested the State party to provide, within one year of the adoption of the concluding observations, information on the implementation of recommendations contained in paragraphs 20, 26, 28 and 30 of the concluding observations.

During its 119th session held in March 2017, the Committee noted that the information requested had not yet been provided and decided to send a reminder to the State party. The Committee would appreciate receiving the above-mentioned information by 18 July 2017.

The State party is kindly requested, when submitting its reply to the Committee, not to reiterate information that has already been provided to the Committee but rather to focus on the measures taken to implement the recommendations selected for the follow-up procedure since the adoption of the concluding observations.

The reply should be sent in Microsoft Word electronic version to the Secretariat of the Human Rights Committee (Kate Fox; kfox@ohchr.org and ccpr@ohchr.org). In accordance with the Note by the Human Rights Committee on the procedure for follow-up to concluding observations (see CCPR/C/108/2), the follow-up report should not exceed a maximum of 3,500 words.

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

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

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