19 November 2015

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.

On 9 June 2015, the Special Rapporteur for Follow-up to concluding observations of the Human Rights Committee sent you a letter of reminder. During its 115th session held in Geneva in October 2015, 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 of the Human Rights Committee will be adopted in March 2016. 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 10 January 2016 (Sindu Thodiyl: sthodiyl@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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