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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 second periodic report of Albania.

At the end of its 108th, the Committee's concluding observations were transmitted to your Permanent Mission. You may recall that, in paragraph 25 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 9 and 13 of the concluding observations.

On 13 July 2015, the Committee received the follow-up report of the State party. The Committee analysed this information at its 115th session in October 2015, and adopted the following decisions:

- **Paragraph 9: [C1]:** The Committee regrets that investigations into the January 2011 demonstrations are still ongoing. Additional information is required on measures taken to intensify effective investigations, to ensure compliance with international standards and to this end, to bring perpetrators to justice and punish them adequately.

[D1]: The Committee regrets that the State party has not provided information on measures taken to compensate victims. Additional information is required on measures taken to compensate victims, including information on the pension agreed to be granted to the victims' families, who will qualify, its amount and duration and whether the pensions have already been granted.

- **Paragraph 13: [B1]:** The Committee notes the information provided by the State party on the training carried out in 2013, in conjunction with the UNHCR to improve the implementation of pre-screening procedures to better identify and refer people in need of international protection, but regrets that no information has been received on trainings conducted since March 2013. The Committee requires further information on

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trainings that have been carried out (since March 2013) or that are scheduled to be carried out, their timing and length, the number of officials trained (or expected to be trained) and the impact of such trainings. Additional information is required on measures taken to improve the implementation of pre-screening procedures at the border and inside the country in order to ensure that persons in need of international protection are identified and referred to the asylum procedure, regardless of whether or not they entered the country in an irregular manner.

[B1]: The Committee notes the State party's representation that asylum seekers are not held in Closed Centres. The Committee requests further information regarding measures taken by the State party to limit the use of detention for persons entering the country irregularly to ensure that they are not automatically detained. Please provide information on the number of aliens detained in reception facilities in the last 3 years, disaggregated by sex and age, and efforts undertaken to ensure asylum seekers in particular are not detained.

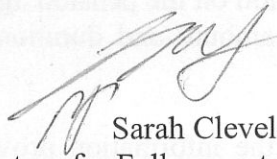
[B2]: While the Committee notes the information provided by the State party that improvements to transit reception facilities are being carried out, the Committee requests further details on the restructuring of reception facilities, including information on the improvement of living conditions and on when this is expected to be finalized.

During the 117th session of the Committee, held in Geneva in July 2016, the Committee noted that information sought by the Committee had not yet been provided. Therefore, I write to request that the above-mentioned additional information be submitted at Your Government's earliest convenience.

The next follow-up report of the Human Rights Committee will be adopted in March 2017. 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 November 2016** (Kate Fox: kfox@ohchr.org).

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

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



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