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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 third periodic report of Lithuania.

At the end of its 105th, the Committee's concluding observations were transmitted to your Permanent Mission. You may recall that, in paragraph 17 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 8, 9 and 12 of the concluding observations.

Follow-up information on the paragraphs referred to was received on 31 July 2013. At its 110th session, held in March 2014, the Committee noted that the information provided was incomplete and requested additional information from the State party.

On 24 July 2014, the Committee received the reply of the State party. At its 113th session, held from 16 March to 2 April 2015, the Committee analysed this information and adopted the following decisions:

- Paragraph 8: **(a) [C2]**: The State party has not provided concrete information on any specific measures taken to ensure that national legislation is not interpreted and applied in a discriminatory manner against persons on the basis of their sexual orientation or gender identity. The Committee reiterates its request and requires examples of the application of national legislation on cases of discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity.

(b)(c) [A]: Concerning the awareness-raising campaigns, as well as trainings for law enforcement officials, to counter negative sentiments against LGBT individuals, the Committee considers the State party's response largely satisfactory.

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- Paragraph 9: **[B2]**: While the Committee welcomes the ongoing investigations on the involvement of Lithuanian officials and state authorities in the rendition, secret detention, torture, inhuman and degrading treatment of Mustafa Ahmed al-Hawasawi, the Committee requires updated information on the findings of such investigation and, if appropriate, sanctions for those responsible. The Committee also requires information on additional investigations that have been conducted into allegations of the State's complicity in human rights violations as a result of counter-terrorism measures.
- Paragraph 12: **(i)[B1]**: Regarding administrative detention, the recommendation has not yet been implemented. The Committee requires updated information on the draft law on Code of Administrative Offences.
(ii) [B2]: The Committee welcomes the information provided by the State party on measures in place on the criteria for eligibility for the release on parole but requires information on measure to implement other alternatives to imprisonment, such as community service, mediation and suspended sentences.

During the 114th session of the Committee, held in Geneva in July 2015, 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 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 **21 December 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 Lithuania on the implementation of the Covenant.

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

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