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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 examination of the first periodic report of Botswana.

You may recall that, in paragraph 26 of the concluding observations that were transmitted to your Permanent Mission in 2008, the Committee required that further information be provided within one year on the specific areas of concern identified in paragraphs 12, 13, 14 and 17.

On 8 September and 11 December 2009, reminders were sent to your Permanent Mission, observing that the information sought by the Committee had not yet been provided. On 28th September 2010, my predecessor asked for a meeting with a representative of Botswana. At its 101st session, held in March 2011 in New York, the Committee noted that the additional information that had been asked for remained outstanding and that no answer was received to the request for a meeting.

In light thereof, I reiterate the request of my predecessor to meet with a representative of Botswana to discuss the matters set out above. The meeting should be held during the 102nd session of the Committee, which will take place from 11 to 29 July 2011 at Palais Wilson in Geneva. I look forward to the Permanent Mission's views regarding a mutually convenient time for this meeting. In this regard, you are invited to contact Ms. Albane Prophette-Pallasco, (aprophette@ohchr.org, phone: +41 22 91 79719).

The Committee looks forward to pursuing its constructive dialogue with the authorities of Botswana on the implementation of the Covenant, and, in that context, to receiving your response without further delay.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Christine Chanet', written over a horizontal line.

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