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Dear Mr. Drozdov,

I have the honour to inform you that the communication dated 29 December 2020, which you submitted to the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, for consideration under article 14 of the International Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Racial Discrimination, on behalf of Ms. [REDACTED] and Mr. [REDACTED], has been registered as communication No. 74/2021. You are kindly requested to refer to this registration number in any further correspondence.

Pursuant to Rule 94(3) of its Rules of procedure, the State party has also been requested to refrain from returning Ms. [REDACTED] and Mr. [REDACTED] to the North Macedonia while the case is under consideration by the Committee. The necessity of maintaining the request for interim measures of protection may be reviewed following receipt of the State party's observations; this request does not imply that any decision has been reached on the substance of the matter under consideration.

Pursuant to rule 92, paragraphs 3, of its rules of procedure, the Committee has decided to transmit the communication to the State Party, which has been requested to furnish observations relevant to the question of admissibility and/or merits of the communication. **Please note that deadlines for observations and comments from the parties have been extended by 2 months in light of the spread of COVID-19. The State party has therefore been granted an exceptional deadline of five months.**

Please be aware that final decisions adopted by the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination are made public. Therefore, if you wish the alleged victims' identity not to be disclosed in the final decision, you are kindly requested to so indicate as soon as possible. Kindly note that, due to the level of publicity the Committee's decisions usually receive (including dissemination via Internet, which thus makes the correction and/or deletion of data circulating online virtually impossible), it may not be possible to satisfy requests for anonymity submitted after the publication of the Committee's decision. The Committee shall not be responsible to the alleged victims in any manner for any inconvenience, arising out of failure to notify the Committee in a timely manner about their decision not to have their name disclosed to the public at large.

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Any reply received from the State party will be communicated to you in due course to enable you to comment thereon, if you so wish.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Ibrahim Salama'.

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