Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights

The Deputy Director

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Ms. Kyung-wha Kang
Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights
United Nations Office at Geneva
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Dear Ms. Kang,

Thank you for your letter dated 17 June 2008, which offered the ODIHR an opportunity to contribute to the Universal Periodic Review (UPR).

ODIHR’s activities are undertaken across the OSCE region and aim to assist participating States to ensure full respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, to abide by the rule of law, to promote principles of democracy, and to build, strengthen and protect democratic institutions as well as promote tolerance throughout society.

While we are not in a position to provide specific input according to the criteria laid out for the submissions to the stakeholder’s reports, all publicly available information and reports produced by the ODIHR are available on our website: www.osce.org/odihr. Reports from election observation missions are located at www.osce.org/odihr-elections and all legislative reviews prepared by the ODIHR can be retrieved from www.legislationline.org.

While we regret not being able to offer more detailed and comprehensive information, we look forward to continuing our existing information exchange and excellent collaboration.

Yours sincerely,

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