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Dear Ms. Høgdah,

As Secretariat of the International Coordinating Committee of National Human Rights Institutions for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights (ICC), I am writing to inform you of the recommendations that the ICC Sub-Committee on Accreditation (SCA) has made regarding the accreditation of your institution, which was considered at the SCA's session in Geneva from 19-23 November 2012.

In accordance with article 12 of the ICC Statute (attached herewith), your institution may challenge the recommendations by submitting a letter to the ICC Chairperson, through OHCHR National Institutions and Regional Mechanisms Section, within twenty-eight (28) days from the date of this letter.

Thereafter, the recommendations will be forwarded to the members of the ICC Bureau for approval. If a challenge is received from your institution, the challenge together with all relevant materials will also be forwarded to the ICC Bureau. The decision of the ICC Bureau on accreditation will be considered final. The report will be made public following adoption by the ICC Bureau.

Please direct any future correspondence on the recommendation to ystefanov@ohchr.org, sshahidzadeh@ohchr.org, nfellow4@ohchr.org, NIintern@ohchr.org and nliza-doyen@ohchr.org.

Yours sincerely,

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SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS - RE-ACCREDITATION APPLICATIONS (Art. 15 of the ICC Statute)

3.7 Norway: Norwegian Centre for Human Rights (NCHR)

Recommendation: The SCA recommends that the NCHR be re-accredited **B status**.

At the SCA's session in October 2011, it gave the NCHR the opportunity to provide, in writing, within one year of such notice, the documentary evidence deemed necessary to establish its continued conformity with the Paris Principles.

The Norwegian Government has established an inter-ministerial working group to consider whether changes should be made to the NHRI, including whether a new NHRI should be established on the basis of a different institutional model, with reference to the Paris Principles.

The SCA notes with appreciation the efforts of the NCHR throughout the restructuring process and encourages the NCHR to continue to advocate for the establishment of a NHRI in full compliance with the Paris Principles. However, the NCHR in its present form is not operating fully in compliance with the Paris Principles.