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Excellency,

I have the honour to transmit to you an advanced unedited version of the report of the visit that I conducted to Georgia from 24 September to 5 October 2018.

I kindly ask that your Excellency's Government review the report with a view to informing me of any errors of fact or law which shall be carefully considered prior to the submission of the report for editing in accordance with United Nations documentation requirements. I would be grateful if such information could be provided by 26 April 2019 electronically in Word format, to the attention of Ms. Catherine de Preux De Baets, Human Rights Officer at the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (+41 22 917 93 27, cdepreuxdebaets@ohchr.org).

The report shall be presented to the 41st session of the Human Rights Council which will be held from 24 June to 12 July 2019. Please inform the Secretariat as to whether your Excellency's Government's comments should be included as an Addendum to the report.

I wish to thank you for the support provided by the Government of Georgia in the preparation and conduct of the visit, and the opportunity to engage in an open and constructive dialogue with authorities and a variety of stakeholders. I look forward to continuing dialogue with your Excellency's Government.

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

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