Excellency,

We have the honour to address you in our capacity as Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar and Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences pursuant to Human Rights Council resolutions 19/21 and 16/7.

In this connection, we would like to follow up on our letter dated 30 December 2011 (attached for ease of reference) regarding the alleged abduction and rape of Ms. Sumlut Roi Ja by military personnel attached to Light Infantry Battalion 321, Mu Bum frontline post in Momouk district, Kachin state.

In your Excellency’s Government’s reply to our communication dated 22 March 2012 it was stated that “The authorities concerned including military and civil officials have conducted investigation [sic] in relation to the case” and adds “the authorities concerned are pursuing further investigations in order to produce more concrete results”.

In this context, we would appreciate an update on the results of these further investigations to enable us to ascertain the facts regarding the allegations contained in our letter of 30 December 2011 concerning Ms. Sumlut Roi Ja and the three other women and for us to ascertain the current status of these persons.

We undertake to ensure that your Excellency’s Government’s response will be accurately reflected in the report we will submit to the Human Rights Council for its consideration.

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

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