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Dear Justice Balakrishnan

Thank you for your letter of 4 July 2011 regarding the recent re-accreditation of the National Human Rights Commission of India. Thank you also for the additional information that address the concerns raised by the Sub-Committee on Accreditation. I have carefully considered the SCA's recommendations and the supplementary information that you have provided. Together these documents will facilitate the ICC Bureau's consideration of the SCA's recommendations.

I note that in your attachment you have asked if the recommendation to accredit the National Human Rights Commission of India with 'A' status is conditional. My understanding is that it is not. The SCA's recommendation, as stated in the report, is *"that the NHRCI be re-accredited A status"*.

I note also that you have raised concerns about the statutory basis upon which the SCA has sought to review certain issues of concern in two years' time, and outside the ICC's five year cyclical re-accreditation process. As the basis for the review is not spelt out in the SCA report I have requested that the SCA Chair advise the ICC Bureau members of the statutory basis as soon as possible. There will be an opportunity if necessary to further discuss this matter at the ICC Bureau meeting in Seoul on 10 October.

With warm regards.

Yours sincerely

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