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Excellency,

I would like to refer to the Committee's letter of 28 September 2009 (copy attached for ease of reference) in which it expressed concern over the slow progress in the implementation of its Decision 1 (68) taken under its Early Warning and Urgent Action Procedure regarding traditional rights to land of Western Shoshone.

The Committee urges the State party to implement the recommendations contained in its aforementioned Decision and would be grateful to receive information on effective measures taken by the State party in order to find a solution acceptable to all on Western Shoshone ancestral lands, in its seventh, eight and ninth periodic reports due on 20 November 2011.

Allow me, Excellency, to reiterate the wish of the Committee to continue to engage in a constructive dialogue with the Government of the United States of America, with a view to provide it with assistance in the effective implementation of the Convention.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anwar Kemal".

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