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Dear Mr. Baehring,

We hereby acknowledge the receipt of your communication dated 14 April 2015. After careful consideration of the contents of your communication, we sincerely regret having to inform you that the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights is not in the position to assist you in the matter you raise. We must therefore unfortunately return your correspondence.

We wish to inform you that individuals can present complaints to the United Nations Human Rights Treaty Bodies. The procedure before these human rights bodies requires ascertaining whether certain preliminary criteria are satisfied before proceeding with the examination of a communication/complaint, including:

1. The complaint should provide sufficient details as to the facts of your case, and/or as to how your rights under the relevant treaty have been violated, including a chronological description of the facts.

2. Domestic judicial/administrative remedies do not appear to have been exhausted, and it has not been substantiated that the application of domestic remedies would be unreasonably prolonged or that the remedies would be otherwise unavailable or ineffective. The complainant should provide a copy of the decisions by the domestic courts.

Please note that the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights has no authority regarding the European Court of Human Rights. Please also note that the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights is not in position to provide legal assistance to individuals litigating cases before international mechanisms of human rights.

You may understand that, while we appreciate your reasons for writing to us, the existing procedures require that it is ascertained whether certain preliminary criteria are satisfied before proceeding with the examination of a petition.

For information about the procedures of the examination of individual petitions on human rights violation, please consult our website: www.ohchr.org, direct link: <http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/petitions/individual.htm>.

If you have difficulties to accessing our website, please write to the UNHCHR, Information Office PW-RS-011, 1211 Geneva 10, and ask for Human Rights Fact Sheets Nos. 7, 12, 15 and 17.

Your Sincerely,


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