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List of Issues/6th State Report

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Dear Madam or Sir,

On the recommendation of the board of trustees, the board of our non-profit foundation (state accreditation by the Berlin Senator for Justice and Constitution on 28 November 2011) decided to prepare a shadow report on the 6th State Report of the Federal Republic of Germany pursuant to Articles 16 and 17 of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR), possibly together with other NGOs.

As the only foundation for social human rights in the German-speaking countries, our declared goal is to contribute to the enforcement of social human rights as universal human rights.

In the first-time involvement in the reporting, we want to focus on three areas which recently have been at the center of our attention: the demand for the ratification of the Optional Protocol to the ICESCR, the social human right to housing and the right to the highest attainable standard of health.

We hope that we can also help to overcome the growing social divide between rich and poor, even in a country as rich as Germany.

Combined with the transmission of the List of Issues we want to ask until when the shadow report has to be submitted to you at the latest, is there a deadline?

Kind Regards

H.–Eberhard Schultz
Chairman of the foundation