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Excellency,

In my capacity as Rapporteur on Follow-up on Concluding Observations of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), I have the honor to refer to the examination of the fourth periodic report of the Republic of Benin, at the Committee's fifty-sixth session, held in October 2013. At the end of that session, the Committee's concluding observations (CEDAW/C/BEN/CO/4) were transmitted to your Permanent Mission. You may recall that in paragraph 49 on follow-up on the concluding observations, the Committee requested the Republic of Benin to provide, within two years, written information on the steps taken to implement the recommendations contained in paragraphs 29 and 33 of the concluding observations, namely:

“29. The Committee recommends that the State party:

(e) Regulate and monitor the working conditions of girls employed as vidomegons in order to protect them from exploitative child labour, through increased inspections and fines for employers; integrate them into the educational system; and consider ratifying the International Labour Organization Domestic Workers Convention (Convention No. 189) of 2011.”

“33. The Committee urges the State party:

(a) To take all measures necessary to effectively implement Act No. 2005-31 of 10 April 2006 on the prevention, treatment and control of HIV/AIDS, by urgently adopting its implementing decree, increasing the provision of free antiretroviral treatment to all women and men living with HIV/AIDS, raising the awareness of mothers and fathers living with HIV/AIDS regarding the importance of preventing mother-to-child transmission and conducting educational programmes on sexual and reproductive health and rights directed at both women and men, including the essential responsibility of men in preventing the spread of the disease.”

Although the information sought by the Committee was due in October 2015, it has not been received to date. Accordingly, I would be grateful for clarification as to the current status of your Government's response on the matters, and as to when the information requested will be forthcoming.

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The Committee looks forward to pursuing the constructive dialogue it has started with the authorities of the Republic of Benin on the implementation of the Convention. In this context, the Committee seeks to receive your response to this reminder without further delay.

Please note that this response should be precise and should not exceed a maximum length of **4000 words**, including footnotes. You may attach a limited number of annexes containing statistical data only which are not counted for the word limit. Please also send a Word electronic version of the information requested to the Secretariat of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women by email to [cedaw@ohchr.org](mailto:cedaw@ohchr.org). For ease of reference, please find attached a document providing information on the follow-up procedure, which includes guidelines on the drafting of follow-up reports by States parties.

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Xiaoqiao Zou'.

Xiaoqiao Zou  
Rapporteur on follow-up  
Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women