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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 seventh periodic report of Burkina Faso, at the Committee's sixty-eighth session, held in October 2017. At the end of that session, the Committee's concluding observations (CEDAW/C/BFA/CO/7) were transmitted to your Permanent Mission. You may recall that in paragraph 59 on follow-up on the concluding observations, the Committee requested Burkina Faso to provide, within two years, written information on the steps taken to implement the recommendations contained in paragraphs 23 (b) and (f), 25 (d) and 43 (c) of the concluding observations, namely:

“23. The Committee, recalling its general recommendation No. 35 (2017) on gender-based violence against women, updating general recommendation No. 19, recommends that the State party:

(d) Ensure the effective implementation of Act No. 061-2015/CNT and thereby that all allegations of gender-based violence against women, including domestic violence, are effectively investigated and prosecuted, the perpetrators are adequately punished and victims have access to appropriate redress, including compensation;

(f) Increase the number and coverage of shelters, especially in rural areas, and provide medical treatment, psychosocial rehabilitation and reintegration programmes and legal assistance to victims of gender-based violence.”

“25. The Committee, in line with target 5.3 of the Sustainable Development Goals, which calls for the elimination of all harmful practices, such as child and forced marriage and female genital mutilation, recommends that the State party:”

(d) Broaden the definition of forced marriage in article 376 of the Criminal Code to cover forced conjugal unions celebrated in traditional or religious practices.”

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“43. In the light of its general recommendation No. 34 (2016) on the rights of rural women, the Committee recommends that the State party:

(c) Facilitate the acquisition and retention of land and natural resources by women, including by increasing their awareness of how to claim land reserved for them, reinforcing the capacity of the commissions mandated to monitor the application of the 30 per cent quota for land earmarked for women and assisting women to file complaints about violations concerning discrimination with regard to access to land.”

Although the information sought by the Committee was due in November 2019, 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.

The Committee looks forward to pursuing the constructive dialogue it has started with the authorities of Burkina Faso on the implementation of the Convention. In this context, the Committee seeks to receive your response to this reminder within one month of the date of this correspondence.

Please note that this response should be precise and should not exceed a maximum length of **3,500 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.

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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