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Reference: List of Issues and Questions (CEDAW/C/COL/CO/9)

To Whom It May Concern,

The *Monitoring Group for the Implementation of CEDAW in Colombia* is made up of feminist women organizations from national and regional platforms. The *Monitoring Group* was established with the purpose to advocate for and seek the full guarantee of CEDAW in Colombia. Our primary areas of work include:

- Monitoring the implementation of the CEDAW by the state.
- Preparation and publication of the shadow report monitoring the CEDAW.
- Incidence before state agencies.
- Incidence of requiring the involvement of women in the implementation of the peace agreement.
- Training women leaders or officials in the CEDAW and women human rights conventions.

With relation to the above-said, in accordance with the functions of the CEDAW Committee, we have the honor to present to your kind attention a List of Issues and Questions relating to the IX State Party Report, for the CEDAW pre-session that will take place between July 23 and July 27, 2018.

We hope that the present List of Issues and Questions will be useful for evaluation of the compliance by the Colombian state with its obligations about the CEDAW Committee recommendations.

Should you have any questions, I would be more than happy to respond.

Yours sincerely,

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- Red Nacional de Mujeres – (RNM),
- Ruta Pacífica de las Mujeres.

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Article 2. Political measures to eliminate discrimination

What specific measures has the Colombian State adopted to guarantee that the legal protection of the norms to combat violence against women (law 1257 of 2008, law 1719 of 2014, law 1761 of 2016, among others) apply differentially to lesbian, bisexual and Trans women?

Article 3. Guarantee of fundamental human rights and freedoms

What is the current status of the incorporation of the Arms Trade Treaty ratified by Colombia in the Constitutionality Block? Recommendation 30 of the CEDAW, paragraph 87

Why has the Colombian State not prioritized the strengthening of the SGSSS for the assistance, protection, and support to women victims of violence in the departments that show higher rates of violence against women? (Archipelago of San Andrés, Providencia, and Santa Catalina, Meta, Cundinamarca, Quindío, and Casanare)

Article 5. Gender roles and stereotypes

What legislative and public policy measures has the education sector projected, through the MEN¹, to overcome stereotypes and patriarchal and discriminatory attitudes towards women in achievable, efficient, measurable and financially sustainable ways?

What are the public policy measures with a differential approach and gender perspective that MEN adopts in the framework of the National Coexistence System to guarantee the sexual and reproductive rights of women and girls and counteract stereotypes regarding sexual orientation and diverse non-normative sexual identities in educational institutions?

Article 6. Trafficking and prostitution

What is the number and characteristics of victims of trafficking in persons with the purpose of sexual exploitation, inducement and coercion to prostitution rescued by the Colombian State in the last five years? It is requested to describe the process of assistance and restoration of violated rights and the actions to proactively investigate these crimes, prosecute and punish pimps and traffickers.

Article 10. Equality in education

What measures have been planned to prevent school dropouts and encourage students to stay and complete studies at all levels and to select studies in areas of science and technology?

Article 11. Employment

Which sectors of non-formal employment have been intervened?

What specific actions were carried out in each of them?

How many beneficiaries in each sector have been engaged to increase the proportion of women in the structured labor sector?

What are the sources of verification for these actions?

¹ Ministry of National Education

Article 12. Health care and family planning (General Recommendation 24)

Regarding the health service providers' obligation to guarantee the practice of safe abortions in the cases decriminalized by the adjudication C-355 of 2006, please provide information on legal abortions discriminated by region, age and ethnic group of women for 12 years of the sentence effect²

Article 14. Rural women

Of the 500 women who entered the first and second launches of the Special Access Program for Land Restitution³, how many women hold the titles of restituted lands? And what actions were undertaken in this regard?

Special Chapter. The peace process and participation of women

The State Report devotes a particular chapter to the issue of women's participation in the peace process during 2013-2017. However, this chapter does not account for the way in which the provisions on the rights of women and LGBTI persons included in the Peace Agreement have been regulated during the regulation and implementation. Paragraphs 188 et seq. list the different norms adopted in the development of the Agreement. How was the gender approach incorporated into each of the norms adopted in the development of the Agreement? What measures favoring women and LGBTI persons were included in the norms related to rural and land issues, as well as in the mechanisms of the Integral System of Truth, Justice, Reparation, and Non-Repetition? How did the Colombian State ensure that the specific developments included in the Peace Agreement would not be excluded in its regulation? (as in the case of the law on the procedure of the Special Jurisdiction for Peace influenced by the fundamentalist political and religious sectors)

² Article 12 of the CEDAW. Committee recommendation 30a) to the Colombian State. CEDAW/C/COL/9, pp. 142

³ Regarding paragraph 164 of Report IX of the Colombian State in relation to article 14 of the CEDAW on rural women.