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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 Costa Rica, at the Committee's sixty-seventh session, held in July 2017. At the end of that session, the Committee's concluding observations (CEDAW/C/CRI/CO/7) were transmitted to your Permanent Mission. You may recall that in paragraph 48 on follow-up on the concluding observations, the Committee requested Costa Rica to provide, within two years, written information on the steps taken to implement the recommendations contained in paragraphs 29 (d) and (e) and 31 (b) and (d) of the concluding observations, namely:

“29. The Committee recommends that the State party:

(d) Adopt legislation to introduce a legal entitlement to paid paternity leave and promote equal sharing of parental responsibilities between women and men;

(e) Develop a plan for implementing the ILO Domestic Workers Convention, 2011 (No. 189), ensure that women domestic workers, including migrants, have access to effective remedies to file complaints about exploitation and abuse by employers and strengthen the mandate of the National Labour Inspection Directorate to monitor the working conditions of women domestic workers when there are reasonable grounds to believe that violations are taking place in private households.”

“31. The Committee recommends that the State party:

(b) Accelerate the adoption of technical guidelines for therapeutic abortion and conduct awareness-raising campaigns to prevent the stigmatization of women seeking an abortion;

(d) Adopt legal and policy measures to protect pregnant women during childbirth, sanction obstetric violence, strengthen capacity-building programmes for medical practitioners and ensure regular monitoring of the treatment of patients in health-care centres and hospitals, in line with the recommendations issued by the Ombudsman's Office.”

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Although the information sought by the Committee was due in July 2019, only a report in pdf format has been received. 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 Costa Rica 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](mailto:cedaw@ohchr.org).

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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