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Excellency,

In my capacity as Rapporteur on follow-up to concluding observations of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), I have the honor to refer to the examination of the sixth periodic report of Eritrea, at the Committee's seventy-fifth session, held in February 2020. At the end of that session, the Committee's concluding observations ([CEDAW/C/ERI/CO/6](#)) were transmitted to your Permanent Mission. You may recall that in paragraph 59 on follow-up to the concluding observations, the Committee requested Eritrea to provide, within two years, written information on the steps taken to implement the recommendations contained in paragraphs 11 (a) and (b) and 13 (a) and (c) of the concluding observations, namely:

“11. Recalling its previous concluding observations (CEDAW/C/ERI/CO/5, para. 9), the Committee urges the State party:

(a) To reduce the duration of national service to a maximum of 18 months, recognize the right to conscientious objection and ensure the speedy demobilization and reintegration into society of women who have already completed 18 months of service;

(b) To ensure that all incidents of gender-based violence against women and girls during their national service are duly investigated, the perpetrators prosecuted, adequately punished and removed from training centers and all victims provided with legal assistance, rehabilitation and compensation;”

“13. Recalling articles 1 and 2 of the Convention and target 5.1 of the Sustainable Development Goals, on ending all forms of discrimination against all women and girls everywhere, the Committee recommends that the State party:

(a) Resume the constitutional review process with transparent and participatory procedures, taking into account the views of all women and girls, including those holding divergent opinions, and ensure the effective implementation of the Constitution of 1997;

(c) Adopt specific and comprehensive legislation to combat all forms of discrimination against women in all areas covered by the Convention;”

Although the information sought by the Committee was due in February 2022, 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.

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The Committee looks forward to pursuing the constructive dialogue it has started with the authorities of Eritrea 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 ohchr-cedaw@un.org.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Louiza Chalal'.

Louiza Chalal
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