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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 sixth periodic report of Gabon, at the Committee's sixtieth session, held in March 2015. At the end of that session, the Committee's concluding observations (CEDAW/C/GAB/CO/6) were transmitted to your Permanent Mission. You may recall that in paragraph 52 on follow-up on the concluding observations, the Committee requested Gabon to provide, within two years, written information on the steps taken to implement the recommendations contained in paragraphs 11 (a) and 17 (a) and (b) of the concluding observations, namely:

“11. The Committee recommends that the State party:

(a) Finalize, as a priority and within a clear time frame, the process of legislative reform, including the revision of the Civil Code and the Labour Code, and amend other legislation, including the Penal Code, with a view to bringing the legislation into conformity with the Convention and ensuring that all discriminatory provisions are repealed;”

“17. The Committee recommends that the State party:

(a) Review the distribution of State resources to significantly increase the proportion allocated to the advancement of women, sustainable development and poverty eradication;

(b) Strengthen anti-corruption measures;”

Although the information sought by the Committee was due in February 2017, 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 Gabon 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 **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. 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,



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