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Dear Mr. Wolokollie Tate,

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 combined seventh and eighth periodic reports of Liberia, at the Committee's sixty-second session, held in November 2015. At the end of that session, the Committee's concluding observations (CEDAW/C/LBR/CO/7-8) were transmitted to your Permanent Mission. You may recall that in paragraph 51 on follow-up on the concluding observations, the Committee requested Liberia to provide, within two years, written information on the steps taken to implement the recommendations contained in paragraphs 12 and 26 (b) and (e) of the concluding observations, namely:

“12. The Committee reiterates its previous concluding observations (CEDAW/C/LBR/CO/6, para. 13) and calls upon the State party to adopt a comprehensive legal definition of discrimination against women in line with article 1 of the Convention, covering all prohibited grounds of discrimination, direct and indirect discrimination in the public and private spheres, and intersecting forms of discrimination based on sex and other grounds. It also urges the State party to expedite the adoption of pending laws, such as those on reproductive health, domestic violence and fairness, and ensure that they fully comply with the Convention.”

“26. Recalling its general recommendation No. 19 (1992) on violence against women, the Committee urges the State party:

(b) To develop a comprehensive prevention strategy on sexual and gender-based violence and establish a victim and witness protection programme for victims of and witnesses to acts of sexual and gender-based violence;

(e) To develop a system for regular collection of statistical data on cases of all forms of violence against women, including domestic violence, abductions and ritual killings, which should be disaggregated by age, type of offence and relationship between the victim and the perpetrator.”

Although the information sought by the Committee was due in November 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 Liberia 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 **4,000 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.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Hilary Gbedemah'.

Hilary Gbedemah
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