18 February 2014

Excellency,

In my capacity as Rapporteur on Follow-up of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, I have the honour to refer to the examination of the second periodic report and the combined third to fifth periodic report of Libya, at the Committee’s forty-third session, held in January and February 2009. At the end of that session, the Committee’s concluding observations were transmitted to your Permanent Mission. You may recall that, in paragraph 50 of the concluding observations, the Committee requested the State party to provide, within two years, further information on the specific areas of concern identified in paragraphs 20 and 38 of the concluding observations.

In September 2012, the Committee sent a reminder to the Permanent Representative, observing that the information sought by the Committee had not yet been provided. In October 2012, the State party informed the Committee that it will submit its follow-up report. The Committee sent a second reminder in August 2013.

In light thereof and in the absence of reception of the follow-up report from Libya to date, I should be grateful to meet with a representative of the State party during the 57th session of the Committee, which is currently being held at the United Nations Headquarters in Geneva, Palais des Nations, Room XVII, to discuss the matters set out above. I am available on 24, 26 and 28 February 2014 from 09:30 am to 10:00 am. In this regard, you are invited to contact Ms. Astrid Abécassis, Human Rights Officer (aabecassis@ohchr.org, phone: +41 22 9179380).

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

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