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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 fifth periodic reports of the Republic of Lithuania, at the Committee's fifty-eight session, held in July 2014. At the end of that session, the Committee's concluding observations (CEDAW/C/LTU/CO/5) were transmitted to your Permanent Mission. You may recall that in paragraph 46 on follow-up on the concluding observations, the Committee requested the Republic of Lithuania to provide, within two years, written information on the steps taken to implement the recommendations contained in paragraphs 15 and 23 of the concluding observations, namely:

“15. The Committee recommends that the State party:

- (a) Strengthen the mandate and authority of and the level of representation of line ministries in the Commission on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men to enable it to monitor and coordinate the implementation of the National Programme effectively;
- (b) Increase the financial and human resources of the Gender Equality Unit;
- (c) Ensure that every ministry allocates a special budget for the effective implementation of the National Programme;
- (e) Ensure monitoring of the effectiveness of the National Programme in all regions of the State party based on time-bound targets and indicators and extend the application of the National Programme beyond 2014.”

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“23. Recalling its general recommendation No. 19 on violence against women, the Committee urges the State party:

(b) To adopt a comprehensive strategy, which would complement the National Programme for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Provision of Assistance to Victims for 2014-2020, aimed at eliminating sex- and genderbased violence against women in all its forms in public and private life, and set up an adequate coordinating and monitoring mechanism, or mandate an existing mechanism, to effectively prevent and eliminate all forms of violence against women;

(c) To regularly collect, analyse and publish data on cases of all forms of violence against women and girls that have been reported, investigated and prosecuted;

(d) To provide crisis and walk-in centres that offer protection and assistance to all women who are victims of violence.”

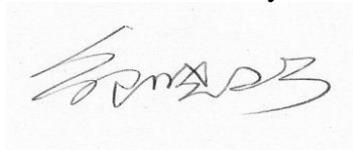
Although the information sought by the Committee was due in July 2016, it has not been received to date. Accordingly, I would be grateful for clarification as to the current status of your Government’s response on the matters, and as to when the information requested will be forthcoming.

The Committee looks forward to pursuing the constructive dialogue it has started with the authorities of the Republic of Lithuania on the implementation of the Convention. In this context, the Committee seeks to receive your response to this reminder without further delay.

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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