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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 the Republic of Moldova, at the Committee's seventy-fifth session, held in February 2020. At the end of that session, the Committee's concluding observations ([CEDAW/C/MDA/CO/6](#)) were transmitted to your Permanent Mission. You may recall that in paragraph 49 on follow-up to the concluding observations, the Committee requested the Republic of Moldova to provide, within two years, written information on the steps taken to implement the recommendations contained in paragraphs 15 (a), 23 (f), 27 (a) and 41 (c) of the concluding observations, namely:

“15. The Committee recommends that the State party:

(a) Resume, without delay, the activities of the Government Committee for Equality between Women and Men or consider establishing another body in the Cabinet responsible for the promotion of gender equality;”

“23. Recalling its previous concluding observations ([CEDAW/C/MDA/CO/4-5](#), para. 20) and its general recommendation No. 35 (2017) on gender-based violence against women, updating general recommendation No. 19, the Committee recommends that the State party:

(f) Expedite the ratification of the Istanbul Convention;”

“27. Recalling its general recommendation No. 23 (1997) on women in political and public life, as well as target 5.5 of the Sustainable Development Goals, the Committee recommends that the State party:

(a) Adopt a law on hate speech and enhance the protection of women from hate speech, including through awareness-raising campaigns among politicians, monitor the use of discriminatory stereotypes and sexist language in political discourse and ensure effective remedies for victims;”

“41. The Committee recommends that the State party:

(c) Protect women and girls with disabilities from abuse and violence by regularly monitoring and establishing independent confidential complaint mechanisms in all residential institutions and psychiatric hospitals and ensure that no medical procedures may be performed on them without their free, prior and informed consent;”

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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.

The Committee looks forward to pursuing the constructive dialogue it has started with the authorities of the Republic of Moldova 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-cesdaw@un.org.

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

Yours sincerely,

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