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Dear Mr. Andrianjatovo Razafitrimo,

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 sixth and seventh periodic reports of Madagascar, at the Committee's sixty-second session, held in November 2015. At the end of that session, the Committee's concluding observations (CEDAW/C/MDG/CO/6-7) were transmitted to your Permanent Mission. You may recall that in paragraph 57 on follow-up on the concluding observations, the Committee requested Madagascar to provide, within two years, written information on the steps taken to implement the recommendations contained in paragraphs 27 (a) and 37 (d) and (e) of the concluding observations, namely:

“27. The Committee recommends that the State party:

(a) Amend its nationality law to enable Malagasy women to transmit their nationality to their foreign or stateless spouse and to their children on an equal basis with men, in accordance with article 9 of the Convention (see also CEDAW/C/MDG/CO/5, para. 25).”

“37. The Committee reiterates its previous recommendation (see CEDAW/C/MDG/CO/5, para. 31) and calls upon the State party:

(d) To legalize abortion, at least in cases in which pregnancy is harmful to the mother's health and in instances of incest, rape and severe fetal impairment, and remove punitive measures for women who undergo abortion;

(e) To mandate, support and finance research and data collection on the scope, causes and consequences of unsafe, illegal abortion and its impact on the health and life of girls and women to obtain evidence-based elements to support the extension of the grounds for the legalization of abortion.”

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 Madagascar 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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