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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 combined fourth and fifth periodic report of Myanmar, at the Committee's sixty-fourth session, held in July 2016. At the end of that session, the Committee's concluding observations (CEDAW/C/MMR/CO/4-5) were transmitted to your Permanent Mission. You may recall that in paragraph 54 on follow-up on the concluding observations, the Committee requested Myanmar to provide, within two years, written information on the steps taken to implement the recommendations contained in paragraphs 15 (a) and (d) and 45 (d) and (f), of the concluding observations, namely:

“15. The Committee reiterates its previous recommendations (see CEDAW/C/MMR/CO/3, para. 11) that the State party, without delay:

(a) Amend the Constitution in order to remove stereotypical references to the roles of women and men in the family and in society, as well as all other discriminatory provisions, including regarding appointment to the civil service;

(d) Expedite the revision of all discriminatory laws and provisions and the adoption of new laws to promote gender equality.”

“45. Recalling its previous recommendations (see CEDAW/C/MMR/CO/3, para. 43), the Committee recommends that the State party:

(d) Ensure birth registration of Rohingya and those of other ethnic groups and remove all obstacles faced by Rohingya women and girls with regard to citizenship;

(f) Urgently establish an independent body to investigate allegations of violence against ethnic minority women and girls, including sexual and gender-based violence, and prosecute alleged perpetrators and, if convicted, punish them with appropriate sanctions.”

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Although the information sought by the Committee was due in July 2018, 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 Myanmar 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.

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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