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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 seventh and eighth periodic reports of Viet Nam, at the Committee's sixty-first session, held in July 2015. At the end of that session, the Committee's concluding observations (CEDAW/C/VNM/CO/7-8) were transmitted to your Permanent Mission. You may recall that in paragraph 49 on follow-up on the concluding observations, the Committee requested Viet Nam to provide, within two years, written information on the steps taken to implement the recommendations contained in paragraphs 19 (a), (b) and (d) and 23 (b) of the concluding observations, namely:

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

(a) Revise the Penal Code and the Criminal Procedure Code and criminalize all forms of violence against women, including marital rape, dating violence, violence in public spaces and sexual harassment;

(b) Develop, as a matter of priority, a national plan of action to prevent and respond to all forms of violence against women and allocate sufficient human, technical and financial resources for its effective implementation;

(d) Review the use of reconciliation and ensure that women who are victims of domestic violence have effective access to protection orders and legal remedies;”

“23. The Committee recommends that the State party:

(b) Consider establishing a quota for female candidates higher than 35 per cent for the elections to the National Assembly and the People's Council for 2016-2021 with the aim of achieving the target of 35 per cent for elected female deputies set in the National Strategy on Gender Equality (2011-2020).”

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Although the information sought by the Committee was due in July 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.

The Committee looks forward to pursuing the constructive dialogue it has started with the authorities of Viet Nam 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 **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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