

Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women

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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 sixth periodic report of Uzbekistan, at the Committee's eighty-first session, held in February 2022. At the end of that session, the Committee's concluding observations ([CEDAW/C/UZB/CO/6](#)) were transmitted to your Permanent Mission. You may recall that in paragraph 47 on follow-up to the concluding observations, the Committee requested Uzbekistan to provide, within two years, written information on the steps taken to implement the recommendations contained in paragraphs 22 (d), 30 (b), 34 (a) and 42 (b) of the concluding observations.

The Committee welcomes the follow-up report ([CEDAW/C/UZB/FCO/6](#)) received on time in March 2024 under the CEDAW follow-up procedure. At its eighty-eighth session, held in May 2024, the Committee examined this follow-up report and adopted the following assessment.

Regarding the recommendation made in **paragraph 22 (d)** of the concluding observations that the State party “**Ensure the timely and effective issuance, enforcement and monitoring of protection orders, including, where appropriate, expulsion orders, in cases of domestic violence, and impose adequate deterrent penalties for non-compliance with such orders**”:

The Committee welcomes the adoption of the Protection of Women from Harassment and Violence Act in 2019. It takes note with appreciation that the legislation allows the issuance, enforcement and monitoring of protection orders. The Committee also notes the amendment of the Administrative Liability Code in 2020, to establish liability for persons failing to comply with the requirements of a protection order. The Committee regrets the lack of further information provided on the penalties imposed under this amendment for non-compliance of such orders.

The Committee considers that the State party has taken steps to implement the recommendation. It therefore considers that the recommendation has been **substantially implemented**.

The Committee considers that the information provided by the State party is thorough and extensive, but that it fails to respond fully to the recommendation. It thus considers that the quality of the information provided is only **partially satisfactory**.

The Committee recommends that, in relation to **paragraph 22 (d)** of the concluding observations, the State party provide, **in its next periodic report**, information on further actions taken to:

Ensure the timely and effective issuance, enforcement and monitoring of protection orders, including, where appropriate, expulsion orders, in cases of domestic violence, and impose adequate deterrent penalties for non-compliance with such orders.

In relation to the recommendation made in **paragraph 30 (b)** that the State party “**Address the causes of school dropout among girls, including child and forced marriage and early pregnancy, and ensure that young mothers can return to school following childbirth, with a view to completing their education, obtaining diplomas and gaining access to higher education or employment**”:

The Committee notes with interest the decrease in child marriages and early pregnancy within the State party, as well as the various educational programs and awareness-raising activities performed by the State party in this regard. It also notes the measures taken to ensure that girls with early pregnancies who may be unable to complete their general secondary education are provided with special education, examinations and certification. The Committee regrets, however, the lack of information on specific measures to promote access to higher education or employment for young mothers.

The Committee considers that the State party took some steps to implement the recommendation. It therefore considers that the recommendation has been **partially implemented**.

The Committee considers that the information provided by the State party is thorough and extensive, but that it fails to respond fully to the recommendation. It thus considers that the quality of the information provided is only **partially satisfactory**.

The Committee recommends that, in relation to **paragraph 30 (b)** of the concluding observations, the State party provide, **in its next periodic report**, information on further actions taken to:

Ensure that young mothers can return to school following childbirth, with a view to completing their education, obtaining diplomas and gaining access to higher education or employment.

In relation to the recommendation made in **paragraph 34 (a)** that the State party “**Address the causes of maternal and infant mortality by ensuring access to safe abortion and post-abortion services and obstetric care, addressing the high number of early pregnancies, and increasing the number of skilled birth attendants, including in rural and remote areas**”:

The Committee takes note with interest of the events organised within ‘Women’s Health Month’ to improve women’s sexual reproductive health and prevent maternal and infant mortality. It also notes with appreciation the increase in territorial perinatal centres, reproductive health centres and mother and child screening centres and takes notes of the additional number of full-time positions created by the State party for birth attendants in rural and remote locations. The Committee regrets, however, the lack of information provided in relation to access to safe abortion and post-abortion services.

The Committee considers that the State party took some steps to implement the recommendation. It therefore considers that the recommendation has been **partially implemented**.

The Committee considers that the information provided by the State party is thorough and extensive, but that it fails to respond fully to the recommendation. It thus considers that the quality of the information provided is only **partially satisfactory**.

The Committee recommends that, in relation to **paragraph 34 (a)** of the concluding observations, the State party provide, **in its next periodic report**, information on further actions taken to:

Address the causes of maternal and infant mortality by ensuring access to safe abortion and post-abortion services and obstetric care.

In relation to the recommendation made in **paragraph 42 (b)** that the State party “**Repeal discriminatory legislation precluding women living with HIV/AIDS from adoption, guardianship and foster parenting**”:

The Committee notes with regret, that the State party has not provided any information on measures to repeal the discriminatory legislation. The Committee further regrets the lack of information provided on the circumstances where a child can be taken into guardianship, custody or foster care outside of these regulations, and therefore without the prospective legal guardian’s obligation to disprove their HIV/AIDS status.

The Committee considers that the State party has taken no action to directly implement the recommendation and therefore the recommendation has **not been implemented**.

The Committee considers that the information received from the State party fails to address the recommendation. It thus considers that the quality of the information provided is **unsatisfactory**.

The Committee recommends that, in relation to **paragraph 42 (b)** of the concluding observations, the State party provide, **in its next periodic report**, information on further actions taken to:

Repeal discriminatory legislation precluding women living with HIV/AIDS from adoption, guardianship and foster parenting.

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

Yours sincerely,



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