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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 fourth periodic report of Kyrgyzstan, at the Committee's sixtieth session, held in March 2015. At the end of that session, the Committee's concluding observations (CEDAW/C/KGZ/CO/4) were transmitted to your Permanent Mission. You may recall that in paragraph 44 on follow-up on the concluding observations, the Committee requested Kyrgyzstan to provide, within two years, written information on the steps taken to implement the recommendations contained in paragraphs 22 (c) and 28 (b) and (d) of the concluding observations, namely:

- "22. The Committee recommends that the State party:
- (c) Establish an oversight mechanism allowing the monitoring of violence against women involved in prostitution by the police and stop illegal forced testing, often performed during police raids, for HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases of women involved in prostitution;"
 - "28. The Committee recommends that the State party:
- (b) Adopt comprehensive legislation to combat discrimination and sexual harassment in the workplace;
- (d) Consider introducing legislation on basic rights and the right to maternity leave in the informal sector and ratifying the Domestic Workers Convention, 2011 (No. 189) of the International Labour Organization."

Although the information sought by the Committee was due in February 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 Kyrgyzstan 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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