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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 honour to refer to the letter of reminder dated 21 September 2017, sent to the Permanent Mission of the Gabonese Republic to the United Nations after the Committee's sixtieth session held in February 2015 (see Annex), requesting the State party to provide information on the steps undertaken to implement the relevant recommendations. Although the information sought by the Committee was due in February 2017, to date, it has not been received.

Accordingly, I wish to reiterate the Committee's request for clarification as to the current status of your Government's response on the matters. Upon receipt of this information, the Committee will be able to assess whether further action is needed.

The Committee looks forward to pursuing the constructive dialogue it has started with the authorities of the Gabonese Republic on the implementation of the Convention. In this context, the Committee seeks to receive your response to this enquiry within one month from 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 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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