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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 sixth and seventh periodic reports of the Dominican Republic, at the Committee's fifty-fifth session, held in July 2013. At the end of that session, the Committee's concluding observations (CEDAW/C/DOM/CO/6-7) were transmitted to your Permanent Mission. You may recall that in paragraph 49 on follow-up on the concluding observations, the Committee requested the Central African Republic to provide, within two years, written information on the steps taken to implement the recommendations contained in paragraphs 25 and 35 of the concluding observations, namely:

“25. In accordance with its general recommendation No. 19 on violence against women, and the recommendations contained in its previous concluding observations (A/59/38, part two, para. 295), the Committee urges the State party:

(a) To develop, as a matter of priority, a national plan of action to prevent and combat violence against women and adopt a comprehensive law on violence against women that provides for risk assessments for victims, early warning mechanisms and awareness-raising about the various forms of violence against women, bearing in mind special needs in terms of accessibility of information for marginalized women and women with disabilities;

(b) To strengthen the judicial system in order to apply the law on violence against women and to provide measures to protect potential victims, including restraining orders against perpetrators;

(e) To ensure that women and girls, including women with disabilities, who are victims of violence have adequate access to medical, psychosocial and legal assistance and to victim and witness protection programmes.”

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“35. The Committee recommends that the State party:

(b) Adopt measures to encourage women to opt for non-traditional occupational areas such as technical professions;

(c) Provide for effective remedies for victims of sexual harassment in the workplace, including through the adoption of the necessary legislation;

(d) Prohibit and prosecute compulsory pregnancy testing and HIV/AIDS testing as a condition of employment and establish a mechanism for monitoring the working conditions of women living with HIV/AIDS;

(g) Expand and allocate adequate resources to childcare facilities throughout the State party and introduce flexible working hours for women and men in both the public and private sectors;

(h) Raise awareness among men and women about their equal family responsibilities and encourage men to participate equally in child rearing and household responsibilities.”

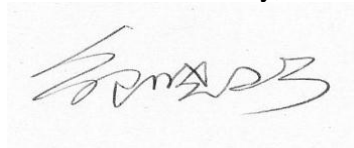
Although the information sought by the Committee was due in July 2015, it has not been received to date. Accordingly, I would be grateful for clarification as to the current status of your Government's response on the matters, and as to when the information requested will be forthcoming.

The Committee looks forward to pursuing the constructive dialogue it has started with the authorities of the Dominican Republic on the implementation of the Convention. In this context, the Committee seeks to receive your response to this reminder without further delay.

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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