

Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women

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Excellency,

In my capacity as Rapporteur on follow-up to concluding observations of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), I have the honor to refer to the examination of the ninth periodic report of the Russian Federation, at the Committee's eightieth session, held in October/November 2021. At the end of that session, the Committee's concluding observations ([CEDAW/C/RUS/CO/9](#)) were transmitted to your Permanent Mission. You may recall that in paragraph 63 on follow-up to the concluding observations, the Committee requested the Russian Federation to provide, within two years, written information on the steps taken to implement the recommendations contained in paragraphs 13(c), 29(f) and 41(b) of the concluding observations, namely:

“13. Recalling its general recommendation No. 33 (2015) on women's access to justice, the Committee recommends that the State party:

(c) Provide systematic and mandatory capacity-building on women's rights and gender equality for judges, prosecutors, lawyers, police officers and other law enforcement officials, and ensure an enabling environment in which women feel safe reporting violations of their rights without fear of revictimization in their interactions with the judicial and law enforcement authorities;”

“29. The Committee recommends that the State party:

(f) Adopt measures to reduce the demand for prostitution, including by carrying out educational and awareness-raising measures targeting the general public, in particular men and boys, with a focus on combating all forms of subordination and objectification of women;”

“41. Recalling its general recommendation No. 24 (1999) on women and health and target 3.7 of the Sustainable Development Goals, the Committee recommends that the State party:

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(b) Adopt measures to combat and eliminate gender-based violence and discrimination against and stigmatization of women living with HIV/AIDS, women using drugs, women in detention and women with disabilities in health care and ensure that they have access to adequate health services, including sexual and reproductive health services, antiretroviral treatment and drug treatment.”

Although the information sought by the Committee was due in November 2022, 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 the Russian Federation 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 **3,500 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 ohchr-cedaw@un.org.

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

Yours sincerely,



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