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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 seventh periodic report of Yemen, at the Committee's eightieth session, held in October/November 2021. At the end of that session, the Committee's concluding observations ([CEDAW/C/YEM/CO/7](#)) were transmitted to your Permanent Mission. You may recall that in paragraph 67 on follow-up to the concluding observations, the Committee requested Yemen to provide, within two years, written information on the steps taken to implement the recommendations contained in paragraphs 11(c), 14(a), 18(a) and 50(b) of the concluding observations, namely:

“11. The Committee reminds the State party that its obligations under the Convention to eliminate all forms of discrimination, including violence, against women and girls are non-negotiable and continue to apply during conflict situations, as indicated in its general recommendation No. 28 (2010) on the core obligations of States parties under article 2 of the Convention. It urges the State party to:

(c) Along with non-State armed groups, to unconditionally and fully cooperate with the United Nations to facilitate rapid, safe and unhindered humanitarian access throughout Yemen, in compliance with Security Council resolutions 2139 (2014) and 2165 (2014) as well as subsequent resolutions and agreements;”

“14. The Committee recalls its general recommendation No. 25 (2004) on temporary special measures and its general recommendation No. 30 and urges the State party to, in cooperation with representatives of women's civil society organizations:

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(a) Ensure the meaningful and inclusive participation of women from diverse backgrounds at all stages of the peace process and in all reconstruction initiatives as well as in transitional justice processes, in particular at the decision-making level, at the national and local levels, and, to that end, adopt temporary special measures, including a 30 per cent quota, in conformity with article 4 (1) of the Convention, and in line with universal periodic review recommendations accepted by Yemen to give due consideration to the application of a quota system in all State bodies as put forward by the national conference for women. In this context, develop capacity-building programmes for women seeking to participate in such processes;”

“18. Recalling its previous concluding observations (CEDAW /C/ YEM /CO/6, paras. 19 and 39) and the links between articles 1 and 2 of the Convention and target 5.1 of the Sustainable Development Goals, to end all forms of discrimination against all women and girls everywhere, the Committee recommends that the State party:

(a) Intensify its efforts to raise awareness about the Convention among women, men and traditional and religious leaders, in particular by disseminating information on good practices of other Muslim countries with regard to the application of sharia in line with the Convention;”

“50. The Committee reiterates its previous recommendations (CEDAW/C/YEM/CO/6, paras. 39 and 41), and urges the State party, in line with its general recommendations No. 21 (1994) on equality in marriage and family relations and No. 29 (2013) on the economic consequences of marriage, family relations and their dissolution, to:

(b) Urgently take measures to facilitate women’s travel with their children without the permission of the father or guardian and ensure that women do not face bureaucratic obstacles in that regard.”

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 Yemen 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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