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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 examination of the combined second, third and fourth periodic report of Fiji, at the Committee's forty-sixth session, held in July 2010. At the end of that session, the Committee's concluding observations (CEDAW/C/FJI/CO/4) were transmitted to your Permanent Mission. In paragraph 49 on follow-up on the concluding observations, the Committee requested Fiji to provide, within one year, written information on the steps taken to implement the recommendation contained in paragraphs 11 and to provide, within two years, written information on the steps taken to implement the recommendation contained in paragraph 13 of the concluding observations. On 10 January 2012, the Committee received the follow-up report of Fiji, and on 27 November 2012, it sent a letter to your Permanent Mission requesting additional information on the implementation of the above-mentioned recommendations.

Although the information sought by the Committee was due in July 2013, 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 Fiji on the implementation of the Convention. In this context, the Committee seeks to receive your response to this reminder without further delay. 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 reference, please find attached a document providing information on the follow-up procedure, which includes guidelines on the drafting of follow-up reports by State parties.

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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