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Excellency,

In my capacity as Rapporteur for 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 seventh periodic report of Guatemala at the Committee's forty-third session, held in January-February 2009. At the end of that session, the Committee's concluding observations were transmitted to your Permanent Mission (CEDAW/C/GUA/CO/7).

In the concluding observations, the Committee requested Guatemala to provide, within one year, further information regarding the specific areas of concern identified by the Committee in paragraphs 22 of the Concluding Observations. The Committee received the follow-up report on 12 May 2010 under the CEDAW follow-up procedure (CEDAW/C/GUA/CO/7/Add.1). On 22 September 2010, the Committee requested additional information to the State party. The Committee welcomes the additional information received (CEDAW/C/GUA/CO/7/Add.2) on 5 October 2012, although with a two-month delay.

At its fifty-fifth session, held in July 2013 in Geneva, the Committee examined the additional information and adopted the following assessment.

Regarding the Committee's request "to provide updated information on budgetary allocations to organizations, such as the National Coordinating Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Violence against Women (CONAPREVI) and the Presidential Secretariat for Women (SEPREM), and indicate whether such resources are adequate for their effective functioning": The Committee considers that the State party provided adequate information.

Regarding the request "to provide updated information on progress made with regard to the establishment of the Comprehensive Support Centres for Women Survivors of Violence (CAIMUs)": The State party stated that there are currently seven Centres in operation. The Committee considers that the recommendation has been **implemented**.

Regarding the request "to update the Committee on progress made with regard to investigations, prosecutions and punishments in cases of femicide": The State party provided data on the criminal court proceedings and sentences for offenders under the Act on Femicide and Other Forms of Violence against Women, disaggregated by the court in which the complaint was lodged. The figures show an increase in the number of cases reported. However, the figures fail to show the progress made with regard to investigations, prosecutions and punishments. The Committee **did not receive sufficient information** to assess whether the recommendation has been implemented.

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Regarding the request “to provide updated information on the number of judges that have completed the specific diploma course implemented by the Judiciary Gender Unit and institutionalized through the continuous training programme”: The State party **failed to provide information** on this issue.

Regarding the request “to inform the Committee of measures taken to enhance awareness of women’s human rights and knowledge of specific laws that address the functions of the National Civil Police (PNC), including measures taken to overcome the resource constraints identified”: The State party failed to provide information on this issue. The Committee received information that a few members of the PNC attended training workshops provided by NGOs, but a program specifically tailored for members of the police forces is still inexistent in some regions. The Committee considers that the recommendation has been **partially implemented**.

Regarding the request “to provide the Committee with updated information on effective measures taken to overcome the challenges and obstacles identified in paragraphs 63 to 70 of the State party’s follow-up report”: The State party failed to provide information on this issue. The Committee **did not receive information** to assess whether the recommendation has been implemented.

Regarding the request “to update the Committee on any progress made regarding the unification of data generated by the various institutions that produce information on the subject, and to provide updated data on all forms of violence against women for the period 2010-2011”: The State party failed to provide information on this issue. The Committee **did not receive information** to assess whether the recommendation has been implemented.

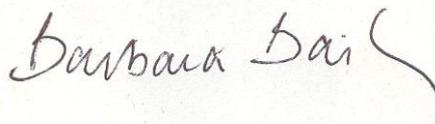
The Committee recommends that the State party provide, in its next periodic report, additional information on actions taken to:

- 1) Effectively enforce the Act against Femicide;
- 2) Enhance awareness and knowledge of women’s human rights among the National Civil Police;
- 3) Overcome the challenges and obstacles as regard the fight against trafficking of persons; and
- 4) Unify the data generated by the various institutions that produce information on violence against women.

The Committee looks forward to pursuing its constructive dialogue with the authorities of Guatemala on the implementation of the Convention.

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

Yours sincerely,



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