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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 seventh report of Kenya, at the Committee's forty-eighth session, held in February 2011. At the end of that session, the Committee's concluding observations (CEDAW/C/KEN/CO/7) were transmitted to your Permanent Mission. You may recall that in paragraph 53 on follow-up on the concluding observations, the Committee requested Kenya to provide, within two years, written information on the steps taken to implement the recommendations contained in paragraph 12 (a) and 22 of the concluding observations, namely:

“12. The Committee urges the State party to:

(a) Enact, within two years, the Family Protection Bill 2007, the unified Marriage Bill 2007, the Matrimonial Property Bill 2007 and the Equal Opportunity Bill.”; and

“22. The Committee urges the State party to give attention, as a priority, to combating violence against women and girls and adopting comprehensive measures to address such violence, in accordance with its general recommendation No. 19. The Committee calls upon the State party to expeditiously:

(a) Repeal section 38 of the Sexual Offences Act under which women face the risk of being victimized for initiating prosecutions against their abusers;
(b) Adopt the regulations for implementation of the Sexual Offences Act;
(c) Enact the Family Protection Bill;
(d) Criminalize marital rape; and
(e) Develop a coherent and multisectoral action plan to combat all forms of violence against women.”

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The Committee looks forward to pursuing the constructive dialogue it has started with the authorities of Kenya 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 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 State parties.

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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