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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 honor to refer to the examination of the combined third and fourth periodic reports of Tuvalu, at the Committee's sixtieth session, held in February 2015. At the end of that session, the Committee's concluding observations (CEDAW/C/TUV/CO/3-4) were transmitted to your Permanent Mission. You may recall that in paragraph 43 on follow-up on the concluding observations, the Committee requested Tuvalu to provide, within two years, written information on the steps taken to implement the recommendations contained in paragraphs 14 and 22 (a) and (c) of the concluding observations, namely:

“14. The Committee reiterates its previous recommendation (CEDAW/C/TUV/CO/2, para. 16) and recommends that the State party conduct a holistic review of its legislation and adopt a clear time frame and targets in relation to the law reform process, and amend or repeal all discriminatory legislation mentioned above in order to ensure compatibility with the principle of equality and non - discrimination as enshrined in the Convention. The Committee further encourages the State party to generate the political will necessary to undertake those reforms and to raise the awareness of legislators, policymakers and the public about the importance of gender equality.”

“22. The Committee reiterates its previous recommendation (CEDAW/C/TUV/CO/2, para. 30) and urges the State party:

(a) To expedite the adoption of an action plan for the implementation of the Family Protection and Domestic Violence Act, provide sufficient human and financial resources in that regard and enhance cooperation with civil society organizations for its effective implementation;

(c) To amend the Penal Code and the Family Protection and Domestic Violence Act to define and criminalize marital rape, in line with the Convention and the Committee's general recommendation No. 19;”

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Although the information sought by the Committee was due in February 2017, 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 Tuvalu 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 **4000 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 [cedaw@ohchr.org](mailto: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 States parties.

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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