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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 ninth periodic report of Venezuela, at the Committee's eighty-fifth session, held in May 2023. At the end of that session, the Committee's concluding observations ([CEDAW/C/VEN/CO/9](#)) were transmitted to your Permanent Mission. You may recall that in paragraph 62 on follow-up to the concluding observations, the Committee requested Venezuela to provide, within two years, written information on the steps taken to implement the recommendations contained in paragraphs 26 (b), 28 (c), 38 (b) and 38 (c) of the concluding observations, namely:

26 (b): "Recalling its previous concluding observations ([CEDAW/C/VEN/CO/7-8](#), para. 19), its general recommendation No. 35 (2017) on gender-based violence against women, updating general recommendation No. 19, joint general recommendation No. 31 of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women/general comment No. 18 of the Committee on the Rights of the Child (2019) on harmful practices, and target 5.2 of the Sustainable Developments Goals, to eliminate all forms of violence against all women and girls in the public and private spheres, the Committee urges the State party to [...] adopt the necessary regulations and gender-sensitive protocols for the implementation of the Act on Women's Right to a Life Free from Violence and specific legislation on gender equality that complies with international standards."

28 (c): "Recalling its general recommendation No. 38 (2020) on trafficking in women and girls in the context of global migration, the Committee recommends that the State party [...] develop a protocol for the early identification of women and girls who are victims of trafficking and for their referral to appropriate services, especially in border areas, and allocate sufficient funding to ensure adequate support services for victims of trafficking into and out of the State party, including shelters, psychosocial counselling, reintegration programmes and effective access to refugee status determination procedures for those who may be in need of international protection, and strengthen cooperation with and State funding for non-governmental organizations that operate shelters and provide support services to victims of trafficking."

38 (b): "In line with its previous concluding observations ([CEDAW/C/VEN/CO/7-8](#), para. 31), general recommendation No. 24 (1999) on women and health and targets 3.1 and 3.7

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of the Sustainable Development Goals, to reduce global maternal mortality and ensure universal access to sexual and reproductive health-care services, the Committee recommends that the State party [...] immediately put an end to the practice of coerced sterilizations and require a woman's free, prior and informed consent to any medical intervention affecting her sexual and reproductive health and rights.”

38 (c): “In line with its previous concluding observations ([CEDAW/C/VEN/CO/7-8](#), para. 31), general recommendation No. 24 (1999) on women and health and targets 3.1 and 3.7 of the Sustainable Development Goals, to reduce global maternal mortality and ensure universal access to sexual and reproductive health-care services, the Committee recommends that the State party [...] ensure that women and girls have affordable access to sexual and reproductive health services and modern contraceptives and raise awareness about men's role in contraception.”

Although the information sought by the Committee was due in November 2025, 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 Venezuela 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 **3,150 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jelena Pia-Comella', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jelena Pia-Comella

Rapporteur on follow-up

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