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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 seventh and eighth periodic reports of the Republic of Cabo Verde, at the Committee's fifty-fifth session, held in July 2013. At the end of that session, the Committee's concluding observations (CEDAW/C/CPV/CO/7-8) were transmitted to your Permanent Mission. You may recall that in paragraph 41 on follow-up on the concluding observations, the Committee requested the Republic of Cabo Verde to provide, within two years, written information on the steps taken to implement the recommendations contained in paragraphs 23 and 29 of the concluding observations, namely:

“23. The Committee urges the State party:

(a) To take specific measures to increase the participation of women in political and public life, in particular in elected office and decision-making positions, including through the adoption of temporary special measures, such as electoral quotas not only for candidatures but also for the seats to be apportioned, in accordance with article 4 (1) of the Convention and the Committee's general recommendation No. 25 (2004);

(b) To implement awareness-raising activities targeting political parties, politicians and policymakers, especially men, in addition to the general public, regarding the importance of women's participation in political and public life and decision-making.”

“29. The Committee recommends that the State party:

(c) Ensure that women with disabilities have access to reproductive health information and services, that abortions and sterilizations performed on women with disabilities are conducted with their free, prior and informed consent, that those responsible for performing such procedures without such consent are prosecuted, and punished if convicted, and that redress and financial compensation are provided to women victims of forced abortions or sterilizations.”

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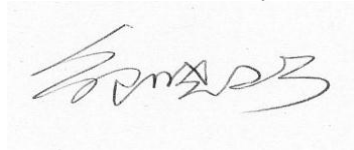
Although the information sought by the Committee was due in July 2015, it has not been received to date. Accordingly, I would be grateful for clarification as to the current status of your Government's response on the matters, and as to when the information requested will be forthcoming.

The Committee looks forward to pursuing the constructive dialogue it has started with the authorities of the Republic of Cabo Verde on the implementation of the Convention. In this context, the Committee seeks to receive your response to this reminder without further delay.

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. 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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