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On Thursday 10 November 2016, the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women considered the sixth periodic report of the Kingdom of the Netherlands on its implementation of the provisions of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW). The Kingdom of the Netherlands thanks the Committee for the dialogue and the country of Curacao wishes to respond to questions which were outstanding after the consideration of the report. Please find the answers in the annex to this Note Verbale.

The Kingdom of the Netherlands thanks the Committee in advance for consideration of these responses and remains available for any clarification.

The Permanent Representation of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women the assurances of its highest consideration.

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The country of Curaçao wishes to respond to the following remaining questions posed by the Committee:

**I. Question on the provision of contraceptives throughout the country.**

Before 1999 women and girls in Curaçao were provided with free contraceptives through their general practitioners. The general practitioners received these contraceptives from the foundation named Famia Plania Foundation at no cost. Famia Plania Foundation in turn received these complimentary contraceptives from the 'mother organization' International Parenthood Federation IPPF.

Since 1999, all organizations affiliated with the IPPF have to pay cost recovery price. From that moment on therefore, Famia Plania Foundation charged the cost recovery price to its clients. The current policy is not to provide complementary contraceptives, they are distributed at cost recovery price.

**II. Question on access to HIV treatments throughout the country.**

Earlier this month, in the beginning of November 2016, the general hospital of Curaçao, namely the St. Elisabeth Hospital, had a very temporary shortage of HIV medicines. This is regrettable; however the situation was remedied instantly within one day. The General Hospital was unable to provide a member of the HIV/AIDS patient association Cura+ with the necessary medicine. Cura+ reported this in the media, however HIV medicine was in stock again that very day.

Curaçao believes it is of utmost importance to provide equal access to HIV treatment throughout the country and continues to ensure the provision of such treatment.