

Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women

REFERENCE: BN/follow-up/82/Portugal/89

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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 tenth periodic reports of Portugal, at the Committee's eighty-second session, held in June 2022. At the end of that session, the Committee's concluding observations ([CEDAW/C/PRT/CO/10](#)) were transmitted to your Permanent Mission. You may recall that in paragraph 55 on follow-up to the concluding observations, the Committee requested Portugal to provide, within two years, written information on the steps taken to implement the recommendations contained in paragraphs 11 (c), 15 (a), 23 (d) and 41 (c) of the concluding observations, namely:

“11. The Committee urges the State party:

(c) To ensure that discrimination against women and its aggravated and intersecting forms are adequately considered in the legislation and policies of the State party related to all areas covered by the Convention for the benefit of women in vulnerable situations.”

“15. The Committee recommends that the State party:

(a) Strengthen its mandate with measures for the advancement of women and for the human rights of women on equal terms with men.”

“23. Recalling its general recommendation No. 35 (2017) on gender-based violence against women, updating general recommendation No. 19, and in line with target 5.2 of the Sustainable Development Goals, to eliminate all forms of violence against women and girls in the public and private spheres, the Committee urges the State party:

(d) To implement the Committee's previous recommendations for follow up ([CEDAW/C/PRT/CO/8-9](#), para. 23 (c)) to establish a mechanism for ensuring effective cooperation and coordination between family courts and criminal courts in order to ensure that women have immediate recourse to civil protection orders and injunctions against abusive partners, without the need to engage in criminal proceedings.”

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- “41. The Committee recommends that the State party:
- (c) Ensure the full, free and informed consent of women with disabilities for any intervention or medical treatment, train health professionals on human rights, dignity, autonomy and the needs of women with disabilities, and promulgate ethical standards for public and private health care.”

Although the information sought by the Committee was due in July 2024, 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 Portugal 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 **3,500 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,



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