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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 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 tenth periodic report of Mongolia, at the Committee's eighty-second session, held in June 2022. At the end of that session, the Committee's concluding observations (CEDAW/C/MNG/CO/10) were transmitted to your Permanent Mission. You may recall that in paragraph 50 on follow-up to the concluding observations, the Committee requested Mongolia to provide, within two years, written information on the steps taken to implement the recommendations contained in paragraphs 23 (a) and (d), 27 (a) and 29 (c) of the concluding observations.

The Committee welcomes the follow-up report (<u>CEDAW/C/MNG/FCO/10</u>) received with more than seven months delay on 14 February 2025 under the CEDAW follow-up procedure. At its ninety-first session, held in June and July 2025, the Committee examined this follow-up report and adopted the following assessment.

Regarding the recommendation made in paragraph 23 (a) of the concluding observations which urged the State party "ensure that perpetrators of domestic violence are prosecuted and adequately punished and that sanctions provided for in the Law on Combating Domestic Violence are strictly enforced":

The Committee takes note of the comprehensive measures undertaken by the State party to enhance implementation of the Law to Combat Domestic Violence, including the establishment of the eGBV data system, SMS-based reporting mechanisms, and training programs for perpetrators. It notes with appreciation the data provided on cases registered, prosecutions, and convictions under both criminal and misconduct provisions, as well as the establishment of correctional centers where 1,450 individuals were detained for domestic violence misconduct in 2024. The Committee further notes that 3,442 individuals arrested for domestic violence have undergone mandatory behavior change training by August 2024. The Committee regrets, however, that while extensive data on case registration and conviction rates has been provided, detailed information on the types of sentences imposed, their duration, completion rates, and measures to prevent early release or sentence reduction is lacking. The

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Committee also notes the concerning increase in repeat offenders, with 10.5% of those detained in correctional centers in 2024 being repeat offenders, compared to 3.6% in 2023, which raises questions about the effectiveness of sanctions in deterring future violations.

The Committee considers that the State party has taken substantial steps to implement the recommendation. It therefore considers that the recommendation has **been substantially implemented**.

The Committee considers that the information provided by the State party is thorough and extensive but lacks specific details on the enforcement and completion of sanctions imposed. It thus considers that the quality of the information provided is **partially satisfactory**.

The Committee recommends that, in relation to **paragraph 23 (a)** of the concluding observations, the State party provide, **in its next periodic report**, information on further actions taken to:

Ensure that perpetrators of domestic violence are prosecuted and adequately punished and that sanctions provided for in the Law on Combating Domestic Violence are strictly enforced.

In relation to the recommendation made in paragraph 23 (d) that the State party "establish specialized courts to hear cases of gender-based violence against women":

The Committee notes that while no specialized courts dedicated specifically to hearing cases of gender-based violence against women have been established as recommended, the revision of the Law on Court Establishment on 5 June 2024 introduces specialized courts for family and child cases at both primary and appeal levels, which will also oversee cases of gender-based violence, including violence against women and girls. The State party has thereby established specialized courts that will handle the recommended cases, but within a broader family/child jurisdiction rather than exclusively for gender-based violence.

The Committee considers that the State party has taken steps to implement the recommendation as envisaged. It therefore considers that the recommendation has **been implemented**.

The information is clear and relates to the recommendation. It thus considers that the quality of the information provided is **satisfactory**.

In relation to the recommendation made in paragraph 27 (a) of the concluding observations that the State party "conduct awareness-raising campaigns aimed at politicians, members of the Central Electoral Board, judges, members of the media and the general public to enhance the understanding that the full, equal, free and democratic participation of women on an equal basis with men in political and public life is a requirement for the full implementation of the Convention and for achieving sustainable development in the State party":

The Committee welcomes the extensive awareness-raising initiatives undertaken by the State party, including the training of over 300 public officials, 200 master trainers, 1,000 journalists, and over 33,000 citizens on gender equality and women's empowerment. It notes with appreciation the development and dissemination of over 2,000 multimedia materials and 20 media campaigns that generated over 3 million online engagements. The Committee further notes the establishment of the



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Women's Leadership Network with 2,200 participants, the launch of the interactive online platform "tentsuu.mn", and the training of 270 male champions to support women's political participation. The Committee notes that these campaigns directly targeted the groups specified in the recommendation, including politicians, electoral board members, media personnel, and the general public, reaching over 70,000 beneficiaries nationwide.

The Committee considers that the State party has taken comprehensive steps to implement the recommendation. It therefore considers that the recommendation has **been implemented**.

The Committee considers that the information provided by the State party is thorough and extensive and that it relates directly to the recommendation. It thus considers that the quality of the information provided is **satisfactory**.

In relation to the recommendation made in paragraph 29 (c) of the concluding observations that the State party "ensure equal access for women and girls to education in non-traditional fields of study, by recruiting women teachers, providing scholarships and career counselling, introducing incentives and schemes to attract and retain women and girls, raising awareness among parents, teaching personnel and girls and women on the importance of girls choosing nontraditional fields of study and career paths, such as science, technology, engineering and mathematics":

The Committee takes note of the measures undertaken by the State party to promote girls' education in STEM fields, including the creation of the "myfuture.mn" portal for career counselling, which has served 8,962 students, and support for girls' participation in international mathematics competitions. The Committee regrets, however, the absence of information on specific policies and broader programs implemented nationwide or across different regions to systematically address barriers to women and girls' access to non-traditional fields. It further regrets the lack of information on measures taken to recruit women teachers in STEM fields, provide scholarships, or conduct awareness-raising campaigns among parents and teaching personnel, as specifically recommended. The Committee also notes the absence of comprehensive data disaggregated by region, age group, and field of study to assess the impact of these measures beyond mathematics.

The Committee considers that the State party has taken some steps to implement the recommendation. It therefore considers that the recommendation has **been partially implemented**.

The Committee considers that the information provided by the State party relates partially to the recommendation but lacks comprehensive details on the specific measures recommended. It thus considers that the quality of the information provided is **partially satisfactory**.

The Committee recommends that, in relation to **paragraph 29 (c)** of the concluding observations, the State party provide, **in its next periodic report**, further information on actions taken to:

Ensure equal access for women and girls to education in non-traditional fields of study, by recruiting women teachers, providing scholarships and career counselling, introducing incentives and schemes to attract and retain women and girls, raising awareness among parents,



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teaching personnel and girls and women on the importance of girls choosing nontraditional fields of study and career paths, such as science, technology, engineering and mathematic.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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