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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 fifth periodic report of Pakistan, at the Committee's seventy-fifth session, held in February 2020. At the end of that session, the Committee's concluding observations ([CEDAW/C/PAK/CO/5](#)) were transmitted to your Permanent Mission. You may recall that in paragraph 58 on follow-up to the concluding observations, the Committee requested Pakistan to provide, within two years, written information on the steps taken to implement the recommendations contained in paragraphs 32 (a), 32 (b), 34 (a) and 40 (a) of the concluding observations, namely:

“32. Recalling the Committee's general recommendation No. 35 (2017) on gender-based violence against women, updating general recommendation No. 19, and its previous concluding observations (CEDAW/C/PAK/CO/4, para. 22), the Committee recommends that the State party:

- (a) Adopt legislation to criminalize all forms of gender-based violence against women, including domestic violence and marital rape, without exemptions;
- (b) Adopt a national plan of action to combat all forms of gender-based violence against women, with a particular focus on domestic violence;”

“34. The Committee recommends that the State party:

- (a) Ensure the effective enforcement of the Prevention of Trafficking in Persons Act and of the Prevention of Smuggling of Migrants Act, including through systematic training for judges, prosecutors, border police, immigration authorities and other law enforcement officials, and strengthen labour inspections, in particular in sectors employing seasonal workers and in private households;”

“40. The Committee recommends that the State party:

- (a) Enact legislation and take all necessary measures to increase school enrolment among girls and reduce their dropout rate, especially at the secondary level, by, inter alia, holding parents (or guardians) responsible for school attendance, formulating re-entry policies to enable young women to return to school after pregnancy and adopting programmes for the retention of girls in the education system;”

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Although the information sought by the Committee was due in February 2022, 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 Pakistan 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-cesdaw@un.org.

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

Yours sincerely,

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