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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 third and fourth periodic reports of the Republic of Kazakhstan, at the Committee's fifty-seventh session, held in February 2014. At the end of that session, the Committee's concluding observations (CEDAW/C/KAZ/CO/3-4) 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 Kazakhstan to provide, within two years, written information on the steps taken to implement the recommendations contained in paragraphs 19 and 29 of the concluding observations, namely:

“19. Recalling its general recommendation No. 19 on violence against women, and its previous recommendation (CEDAW/C/KAZ/CO/2, para. 16), the Committee urges the State party:

(a) To use the Convention, the Committee's general recommendation No. 19, and its jurisprudence when revising its legislative framework to ensure that the revised Domestic Violence Act of 2009 and the Penal Code comprehensively cover all forms of violence against women, including stalking;

(b) To put in place a system of comprehensive data collection on all forms of violence against women, and encourage reporting of all forms of violence against women and girls, including domestic and sexual violence;

(c) To ensure effective investigation of all complaints and the ex officio prosecution of acts of violence against women, ensure that perpetrators are punished with appropriate sanctions, and do away with any form of mediation and reconciliation in cases of violence against women;

(d) To revise its legislation to ensure that the definition of the crime of rape is in accordance with the Convention and the Committee's jurisprudence under the Optional Protocol;

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(e) To ensure that the draft law proposing amendments to the financing of crisis centres and shelters provides for adequate and regular funding by the State party of those facilities;

(f) To consider ratifying the Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence.”

“29. The Committee reiterates its previous concluding observations (CEDAW/C/KAZ/CO/2, para. 24) and calls upon the State party:

(b) To strengthen efforts aimed at eliminating structural inequalities and occupational segregation, both horizontal and vertical, and to adopt measures to narrow and close the pay gap between women and men by, among other things, consistently reviewing wages in sectors where women are concentrated;

(c) To review the list of prohibited areas of work for women and consider improving working conditions for such areas of work which are considered to be hazardous to the health of women, with a view to facilitating women’s entry into such occupations;”

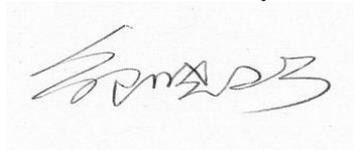
Although the information sought by the Committee was due in February 2016, it has not been received to date. Accordingly, I would be grateful for clarification as to the current status of your Government’s response on the matters, and as to when the information requested will be forthcoming.

The Committee looks forward to pursuing the constructive dialogue it has started with the authorities of the Republic of Kazakhstan 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](mailto: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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