



*Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women*

REFERENCE: BN/follow-up/86/Malawi/92

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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 eighth periodic report of Malawi, at the Committee's eighty-sixth session, held in October 2023. At the end of that session, the Committee's concluding observations ([CEDAW/C/MWI/CO/8](#)) were transmitted to your Permanent Mission. You may recall that in paragraph 57 on follow-up to the concluding observations, the Committee requested Malawi to provide, within two years, written information on the steps taken to implement the recommendations contained in paragraphs 14 (a), 44 (c), 46 and 50 (a) of the concluding observations, namely:

14 (a): "The Committee recommends that the State party expedite the assessment of the Gender Equality Act implementation and monitoring plan (2016–2020) and its renewal."

44 (c): "The Committee recommends that the State party [...] expedite the revision, review and renewal of the national action plan on persons with albinism."

46: "The Committee reiterates its previous recommendation (*ibid.*, para. 47) and urges the State party to resolve the challenges pertaining to laws and policies on witchcraft, bring the Witchcraft Law into line with the Convention and other international human rights standards, and take all measures necessary to protect older women from gender-based violence triggered by accusations of witchcraft."

50 (a): "The Committee recommends that the State party adopt and implement a national strategy to combat child marriage, coordinate efforts among all relevant government departments in collaboration with civil society, conduct public awareness campaigns and provide support services to girls in forced unions, including legal aid, shelter and psychosocial support."

Although the information sought by the Committee was due in November 2025, 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 Malawi on the implementation of the Convention. In this context, the Committee

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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jelena Pia-Comcia'.

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