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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 initial and second periodic reports of Nauru, at the Committee's sixty-eighth session, held in October 2017. At the end of that session, the Committee's concluding observations (CEDAW/C/NRU/CO/1-2) were transmitted to your Permanent Mission. You may recall that in paragraph 52 on follow-up on the concluding observations, the Committee requested Nauru to provide, within two years, written information on the steps taken to implement the recommendations contained in paragraphs 29 (b), 33 (b) and (f) and 39 (a) of the concluding observations, namely:

“29. The Committee recommends that the State party:

(b) Ensure that girls re-entering school after having dropped out owing to pregnancy or other caregiving responsibilities are able to complete school, by analysing and addressing the obstacles that they face.”

“33. The Committee recommends that the State party:

(b) Promote access for women and girls to sexual and reproductive health-care services, including access to confidential counselling, family planning services, affordable modern contraceptives and accurate information relating to responsible sexual behaviour, the prevention of early pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections;

(f) Collect disaggregated data on the prevalence of cervical and breast cancer, provide medical and health professionals with training on early detection and allocate resources for the establishment of an oncological ward to provide regular and timely cancer screening for women.”

“39. The Committee recommends that the State party:

(a) Ensure that women have equal rights to land ownership and land inheritance and eliminate discriminatory practices that affect their full enjoyment of those rights, including by ensuring that community leaders, judges and magistrates are trained to uphold women's land rights.”

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Although the information sought by the Committee was due in November 2019, 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 Nauru 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 cedaw@ohchr.org.

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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