

Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women

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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 combined eighth and ninth periodic reports of Greece, at the Committee's eighty-seventh session, held in February 2024. At the end of that session, the Committee's concluding observations ([CEDAW/C/GRC/CO/8-9](#)) were transmitted to your Permanent Mission. You may recall that in paragraph 54 on follow-up to the concluding observations, the Committee requested Greece to provide, within two years, written information on the steps taken to implement the recommendations contained in paragraphs 24 (d), 26 (a), 44 (b) and 46 (b) of the concluding observations, namely:

"24. In line with its general recommendation No. 35 (2017) on gender-based violence against women, updating general recommendation No. 19, and with target 5.2 of the Sustainable Development Goals, on the elimination of all forms of violence against all women and girls in the public and private spheres, the Committee recommends that the State party: [...]

(d) Adequately fund victim support services by strengthening the 20 State-run shelters, subsidizing shelters run by non-governmental organizations and expanding the network of specialized, inclusive and accessible shelters for women and girls who are victims of gender-based violence, taking into account their specific needs; and provide women and girls who cannot safely return to their homes with psychosocial counselling, financial support, education professional training, income-generating activities, affordable housing and, if necessary to ensure their safety, a changed identity."

"26. With reference to its general recommendation No. 38 (2020) on trafficking in women and girls in the context of global migration, the Committee recommends that the State party amend article 323A of the Penal Code to fully align it with the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, in particular with regard to the requirement of consent. The Committee is of the view that harmonizing article 323A with the Protocol's requirements on consent will not only strengthen the legal framework within the State party but also contribute to the global effort to combat trafficking in persons in a manner consistent with

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established international norms and obligations. It further recommends that the State party:

(a) Provide capacity-building for judges, prosecutors, police officers and other law enforcement officials, border police, health-care providers and other first responders in order to ensure the early identification of victims of trafficking and their referral to appropriate protection and rehabilitation services; ensure the implementation of the instructions for the police on early identification of trafficking victims and conduct a comprehensive and systematic assessment of the process of early identification of victims of trafficking, in particular women and girls, and their referral to appropriate services and protection, in particular in refugee camps; provide refugees with adequate information on their rights; and allow civil society organizations and other relevant organizations to be present during the identification procedure.”

“44. The Committee reminds the State party of its obligation of non-refoulement under international law and, in accordance with its general recommendations No. 32 (2014) on the gender-related dimensions of refugee status, asylum, nationality and statelessness of women, No. 30 (2013) on women in conflict prevention, conflict and post-conflict situations and No. 26 (2008) on women migrant workers, the Committee recommends that the State party: [...]

(b) Ensure that women and girls entering the territory of the State party always have access to asylum procedures and that they are not forcibly returned when there are substantial grounds to believe that there is a real risk of irreparable harm and protect those women from such practices.”

“46. In accordance with its general recommendation No. 37 (2018) on the gender-related dimensions of disaster risk reduction in the context of climate change, the Committee recommends that the State party review its climate change and disaster response strategies, taking into account the negative effects of climate change on the livelihoods of women, and ensure that women and men are equally represented in the development, adoption and implementation of legislation, policies and programmes on climate change, disaster response and disaster risk reduction, in particular by: [...]

(b) Ensuring the incorporation of a gender perspective in climate change and disaster risk reduction legislation, policies, financing and programmes in order to address the specific needs of women and girls and build their resilience and effective adaptation to climate change.”

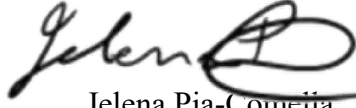
Although the information sought by the Committee was due in February 2026, it has not been received to date. Accordingly, I would be grateful for clarification as to the current status of your Government’s response on the matters.

The Committee looks forward to pursuing the constructive dialogue it has started with the authorities of Greece 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 **3,150 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-cedaw@un.org.

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

Yours sincerely,



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