

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 fourth and fifth periodic reports of Djibouti, at the Committee's eighty-seventh session, held in February 2024. At the end of that session, the Committee's concluding observations ([CEDAW/C/DJI/CO/4-5](#)) were transmitted to your Permanent Mission. You may recall that in paragraph 53 on follow-up to the concluding observations, the Committee requested Djibouti to provide, within two years, written information on the steps taken to implement the recommendations contained in paragraphs 20, 24 (c), 28 (c) and 40 (e) of the concluding observations, namely:

“20. The Committee recommends that the State party provide the National Human Rights Commission with adequate human, technical and financial resources to carry out its mandate effectively and independently and in line with the principles relating to the status of national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights (the Paris Principles) and ensure that it has a clear mandate to promote and protect the human rights of women and gender equality. It also recommends that, once operational, the national human rights institution reactivate its request to the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions for accreditation.”

“24. The Committee, recalling its general recommendations No. 14 (1990) on female circumcision and No. 35 (2017) on gender-based violence against women, updating general recommendation No. 19, and joint general recommendation No. 31 of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women/general comment No. 18 of the Committee on the Rights of the Child (2019) on harmful practices, as well as its previous recommendations ([CEDAW/C/DJI/CO/1-3](#), para. 19), urges the State party to: [...]

(c) Strengthen awareness-raising campaigns and training efforts, particularly in rural areas, targeting families, practitioners, communities, traditional and religious leaders, health workers, judges and magistrates, including those in personal status courts, prosecutors and police officers, addressing the harmful health and

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psychosocial effects of female genital mutilation and child marriage on women and girls, with a view to eradicating both harmful practices and their underlying cultural justifications.”

“28. The Committee recommends that the State party: [...]

(c) Ensure that military personnel and contractors on foreign military bases receive training on criminal responsibility for purchasing sex from victims of forced prostitution or victims of trafficking in persons or otherwise exploiting such victims, including women and girls, and ensure accountability in cases of sexual exploitation and trafficking in persons by private military groups, security companies or foreign troops on the State party’s territory.”

“40. Recalling its general recommendation No. 34 (2016) on the rights of rural women and target 5.a of the Sustainable Development Goals regarding undertaking reforms to give women equal rights to economic resources, as well as access to ownership and control over land and other forms of property, financial services, inheritance and natural resources, in accordance with national laws, the Committee recommends that the State party: [...]

(e) Conduct a review of the environmental and social impact assessment on the real and potential impact of military bases hosted within its territories, including the increased risk for women of gender-based violence and sexual exploitation, as well as on the collateral damage resulting from the testing of armed drones and other remote warfare equipment to the safety and livelihoods of women and girls, and widely disseminate the review’s findings in local languages to raise awareness among women’s groups and other members of the public.”

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 Djibouti 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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