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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 sixth and seventh periodic reports of the Republic of Guinea, at the Committee's fifty-ninth session, held in October 2014. At the end of that session, the Committee's concluding observations (CEDAW/C/GIN/CO/7-8) were transmitted to your Permanent Mission. You may recall that in paragraph 66 on follow-up on the concluding observations, the Committee requested the Republic of Guinea to provide, within two years, written information on the steps taken to implement the recommendations contained in paragraphs 21 and 51 of the concluding observations, namely:

- "21. The Committee recommends that the State party:
- (c) Finalize, within a clear time frame and as a matter of priority, the reform of the judiciary, including the enactment of legislation giving legal standing to civil society organizations to enable them to lodge complaints on behalf of victims of human rights violations;
- (g) Continue to seek technical support from the international community, including the United Nations system."
- "51. In line with its general recommendation No. 24 on women and health, the Committee calls upon the State party:
- (b) To increase the funding allocated to health care, the number of health-care facilities and the number of trained health-care providers and medical personnel;
- (c) To increase the training of midwives to improve the access of women and girls to adequate health care;

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(d) To strengthen the programme for the reduction of maternal, newborn and child mortality and to ensure the full implementation of the programme for free obstetric care, with wider geographical coverage, by providing adequate financial and human resources."

Although the information sought by the Committee was due in October 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.

The Committee looks forward to pursuing the constructive dialogue it has started with the authorities of the Republic of Guinea 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 **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. 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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