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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 eighth periodic report of Costa Rica, at the Committee's eighty-fourth session, held in March 2023. At the end of that session, the Committee's concluding observations ([CEDAW/C/CRI/CO/8](#)) were transmitted to your Permanent Mission. You may recall that in paragraph 54 on follow-up to the concluding observations, the Committee requested Costa Rica to provide, within two years, written information on the steps taken to implement the recommendations contained in paragraphs 16 (b), 18, 34 (b) and 40 (b) of the concluding observations, namely:

“16. The Committee recommends that the State party:
(b) Strengthen the authority, mandate and capacity of the municipal offices for women's affairs by allocating adequate human, technical and financial resources and providing capacity-building on women's rights and gender equality to them”

“18. The Committee urges the State party to allocate adequate human, technical and financial resources to the Ombudsperson Office for Women within the Office of the Ombudsperson of Costa Rica so that it can effectively and independently discharge its mandate to promote and protect women's rights and gender equality, including by considering complaints by women and girls in a confidential and gender-responsive manner. It also recommends that the State party repeal or amend the proposed draft law No. 23217 amending Law No. 7319 (1992) on the Office of the Ombudsperson of the Republic to ensure the maintenance and independence of the Ombudsperson Office for Women and all specialized offices within the Office of the Ombudsperson. It further recommends that the State party expedite the confirmation of the head of the Office of the Ombudsperson of Costa Rica and ensure that the process is transparent and in conformity with the principles relating to the status of national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights (the Paris Principles).”

“34. In line with its previous concluding observations (CEDAW/C/CRI/CO/7, para. 31), general recommendation No. 24 (1999) on women and health and targets 3.1 and 3.7 of the Sustainable

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Development Goals, to reduce global maternal mortality and ensure universal access to sexual and reproductive health-care services, the Committee recommends that the State party:

(b) Cease efforts to repeal the technical guidelines for the therapeutic termination of pregnancy and widely disseminate and provide mandatory training to health professionals on the guidelines, with a view to reducing the number of unsafe abortions in the State party”

“40. In line with its general recommendations No. 26 (2008) on women migrant workers and No. 32 (2014) on the gender-related dimensions of refugee status, asylum, nationality and statelessness of women, the Committee recommends that the State party:

(b) Adopt measures to promptly address the pending asylum claims, and reduce the delays in refugee determination and appeal procedures, including by amending Executive Decree No. 43810 MGP and increasing the human, technical and financial resources of the Refugee Unit and the Commission on Restricted Visas and Refugees”

Although the information sought by the Committee was due in February 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 Costa Rica 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,

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

Jelena Pia-Comella

Rapporteur on follow-up

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