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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Belarus to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations at Geneva presents its compliments to the United Nations Secretariat, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, and with reference to Article 21 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women has the honour to request to release as an official United Nations document the comments by the Republic of Belarus to the concluding observations of the Committee on the Elimination Discrimination against Women (CEDAW/C/BLR/CO/7) as well as to place them on the website of OHCHR.

The Permanent Mission avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the United Nations Secretariat the assurances of its highest consideration.

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Comments from the Republic of Belarus concerning the concluding observations issued by the Committee on the Elimination Discrimination against Women (CEDAW/C/BLR/CO/7) after consideration of the State Party's seventh periodic report submitted under Article 18 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

1. In accordance with article 21, paragraph 1, of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, the Republic of Belarus considers it necessary to make the following comments regarding the concluding observations issued by the Committee on the Elimination Discrimination against Women following its consideration of the country's seventh periodic report on implementation of the Convention.
2. The Belarusian side rejects the following Committee's recommendations due to their false and non-impartial nature and inconsistency with the information provided by the State Party in its periodic report as well as the answers given during the interactive dialogue with the Committee: 26 (a, b, c), 27, 50 (relating to par. 26).
3. These recommendations have nothing to do with the factual situation.
4. The Belarusian side strongly believes that the dialogue between the Committee and the State Party should serve not only for assessment of implementation of the relevant international human rights treaties but in a broader context for a better understanding of the distinctive measures taken by the State Party for this purpose. To this end, the Belarusian delegation was constructively engaged in the dialogue with members of the Committee and addressed all issues raised.
5. By taking note of the Committee's request contained in the chapter "follow-up to concluding observations" the Belarusian side considers it null and void and as unrelated to the Convention, which imposes obligations on the State Parties to submit to the Committee their reports.
6. Belarus, being open to dialogue with the Committee, is in the view not to consider any of the aforementioned recommendations, which result from disregarding the information and clarifications provided by the State Party in its report and during the interactive dialogue.