



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 ninth periodic report of France, at the Committee's eighty-sixth session, held in October 2023. At the end of that session, the Committee's concluding observations ([CEDAW/C/FRA/CO/9](#)) were transmitted to your Permanent Mission. You may recall that in paragraph 52 on follow-up to the concluding observations, the Committee requested France to provide, within two years, written information on the steps taken to implement the recommendations contained in paragraphs 12 (a), 22 (c), 38 (f) and 40 (d) of the concluding observations, namely:

12 (a): "The Committee recommends that the State party provide systematic capacity-building and training for judges, prosecutors, the police and other law enforcement officials, government officials, as well as lawyers, on the Convention, the Optional Protocol thereto and the Committee's general recommendations."

22 (c): "Recalling its general recommendation No. 35 (2017) on gender-based violence against women, updating general recommendation No. 19, and in line with target 5.2 of the Sustainable Development Goals, to eliminate all forms of violence against women and girls in the public and private spheres, the Committee recommends that the State party [...] amend the Penal Code to ensure that the definition of rape is based on the absence of consent, covers any non-consensual sexual act and takes into account all coercive circumstances, in line with international human rights standards."

38 (f): "In line with its general recommendation No. 24 (1999) on women and health, the Committee recommends that the State party [...] conduct a rigorous, transparent and gender-sensitive impact assessment of nuclear testing on women's health in French Polynesia and accelerate the processing of claims for the compensation of victims."

40 (d): "The Committee recommends that the State party [...] strengthen mechanisms and regulatory provisions to stimulate private sector support for and investment in women's sporting skills and talents and utilize the preparations for the 2024 Olympic Games to raise the

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profile of women's sporting potentials and promote private sector investment in women and sports.”

Although the information sought by the Committee was due in November 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 France 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', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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