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Excellency,

In my capacity as Rapporteur on Follow-up of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, I have the honor to refer to the examination of the sixth periodic report of Equatorial Guinea, at the Committee's fifty-third session, held in October 2012. At the end of that session, the Committee's concluding observations were transmitted to your Permanent Mission. You may recall that, in paragraph 53 of the concluding observations, the Committee requested the State party to provide, within two years, further information on the specific areas of concern identified in paragraphs 26 (a), (b), (e) and (f) and 44 (a) of the concluding observations.

In April 2015, the Committee sent a reminder to the Permanent Representative, observing that the information sought by the Committee had not yet been provided. The Committee sent a second reminder in December 2015. In July 2016, the Committee sent a letter requesting a meeting with a representative of the State party, which took place on 17 July 2016. During this meeting, the follow-up rapporteur was informed that Equatorial Guinea would submit its follow-up report shortly, along with its seventh periodic report. In the absence of the promised report, a second invitation was sent in July 2017. The consequent follow-up meeting, scheduled for 18 July 2017, was cancelled. In October 2017, the Committee sent a third letter requesting a meeting with a representative of the State party.

In the absence of a follow-up report, the Committee invited the Permanent Mission for a meeting in February 2018. During the meeting on 26 February 2018, in which a delegation from the State party and the Permanent Representative of Equatorial Guinea participated, the Third Deputy Prime Minister in charge of Human Rights and the Committee's rapporteur on follow-up agreed on the submission of the State party's follow-up report within one month of the reception of this letter.

The Committee looks forward to pursuing the constructive dialogue it has started with the authorities of Equatorial Guinea on the implementation of the Convention. In this context, the Committee seeks to receive your response within the mutually agreed deadline, and no later than 30 April 2018.

His Excellency
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Please note that this response should be precise and should not exceed a maximum length of **4,000 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Hilary Gbedemah'.

Hilary Gbedemah
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