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Excellency,

In my capacity as Chairperson of the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (the Committee), I have the honour to refer to the examination of the initial report of Seychelles at the Committee's twenty-third session, held in September 2015. At the end of that session, the Committee's concluding observations were transmitted to your Permanent Mission (CMW/C/SYC/CO/1). You may recall that in the concluding observations, the Committee requested Seychelles to provide, within two years, written information on the steps undertaken to implement the recommendations contained in paragraphs 25, 33 and 37 of the concluding observations.

At its twenty-eighth session, held in April 2018 in Geneva, the Committee examined the follow-up report of the State party (CMW/C/SYC/CO/1/Add.1). The Committee welcomes the follow-up report received in September 2017 under the CMW follow-up procedure and commends the State party for furthering the implementation of the Convention. With respect to the follow-up report, the Committee notes the following:

Regarding the recommendation made in paragraph 25 of the concluding observations, the Committee encourages the State party to undertake measures to fully implement its recommendation to collect data on the cases involving non-compliance with the principle of equal pay for work of equal value, including sanctions imposed on non-compliant employers, and to continue to implement its recommendation to ensure that migrant workers enjoy treatment not less favourable than that which applies to nationals in respect of remuneration, and that such treatment is strictly enforced through the conduct of regular and unannounced labour inspections in sectors where migrant workers are concentrated, particularly in the fishing, tourism and construction industries.

Regarding the recommendation made in paragraph 33 of the concluding observations, the Committee encourages the State party to continue to implement its recommendation to provide detailed information on the procedures and cost of transferring earnings and savings, including data on remittances made by Seychellois migrant workers living abroad to their families in the State party, and to take measures to fully implement its recommendation to sign bilateral agreements with countries where Seychellois migrant workers are employed, with a view to protecting their rights under the Convention.

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Regarding the recommendation made in paragraph 37 of the concluding observations, the Committee encourages the State party to take all necessary measures to fully implement the recommendations to: (i) systematically collect data, disaggregated by gender, age and origin, in order to effectively combat trafficking in human beings and exploitation of prostitution; (ii) step up campaigns on the prevention of trafficking of migrant workers and encourage the private sector to adopt a “zero-tolerance” policy to sex tourism and to protect persons against trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation; (iii) strengthen mechanisms for investigating cases of trafficking in persons and prosecuting and punishing traffickers; and (iv) afford adequate protection and assistance to all victims of trafficking, in particular by providing shelters and launching projects aimed at helping them rebuild their lives or their repatriation. The Committee also encourages the State party to strengthen its efforts to implement the recommendations to: (i) improve the training of police officers and other law enforcement officials, border guards, judges, prosecutors, labour inspectors, teachers, health-care providers and the State party’s embassy and consular personnel regarding the struggle against human trafficking; and (ii) intensify international, regional and bilateral cooperation to prevent and combat trafficking in persons.

The Committee looks forward to pursuing its constructive dialogue with the authorities of Seychelles on the implementation of the Convention.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.



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