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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 sixth periodic report of Zimbabwe, at the Committee's seventy-fifth session, held in February 2020. At the end of that session, the Committee's concluding observations ([CEDAW/C/ZWE/CO/6](#)) were transmitted to your Permanent Mission. You may recall that in paragraph 57 on follow-up to the concluding observations, the Committee requested Zimbabwe to provide, within two years, written information on the steps taken to implement the recommendations contained in paragraphs 18 (b), 28 (b), 28 (d) and 30 (b) of the concluding observations, namely:

“18. In line with its general recommendation No. 30 (2013) on women in conflict prevention, conflict and post-conflict situations, the Committee recommends that the State party:

(b) Ensure the full involvement of women at all stages of peace and reconciliation processes, including in decision-making, in line with Security Council resolution 1325 (2000) on women and peace and security, and take into consideration the full spectrum of the women, peace and security agenda of the Council, as reflected in its resolutions 1820 (2008), 1888 (2009), 1889 (2009), 1960 (2010), 2106 (2013), 2122 (2013), 2242 (2015), 2467 (2019) and 2493 (2019);”

“28. Recalling its general recommendation No. 35 (2017) on gender-based violence against women, updating general recommendation No. 19, the Committee recommends that the State party:

(b) Address the stigma discouraging women and girls who are victims of gender-based violence from reporting it, through awareness-raising campaigns on the criminal nature of all forms of such violence and its grave impact on women's enjoyment of their rights;

(d) Systematically collect data, disaggregated by age, type of violence and relationship between the victim and the perpetrator, on the number of complaints, investigations, prosecutions and convictions and on the sentences imposed on perpetrators of gender-based violence against women, as well as on the redress provided to victims, including financial compensation.”

“30. The Committee recommends that the State party:

(b) Amend the Trafficking in Persons Act to incorporate a definition of trafficking in persons that is consistent with the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish

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Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime;”

Although the information sought by the Committee was due in February 2022, 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 Zimbabwe 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 **3,500 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,

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