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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 combined initial, second and third periodic reports of Kiribati, at the Committee's seventy-fifth session, held in February 2020. At the end of that session, the Committee's concluding observations ([CEDAW/C/KIR/CO/1-3](#)) were transmitted to your Permanent Mission. You may recall that in paragraph 60 on follow-up to the concluding observations, the Committee requested Kiribati to provide, within two years, written information on the steps taken to implement the recommendations contained in paragraphs 18, 22, 30 (d) and 46 (c) of the concluding observations, namely:

“18. The Committee recommends that the State party ensure that the Women's Development Division has adequate resources to carry out its activities throughout the State party's territory, including the outer islands; that it is provided with technical expertise to develop and implement activities covering all the rights enshrined in the Convention across all sectors; and that it has the mandate and the capacity to effectively coordinate women's advancement initiatives, monitoring and impact assessment.”

“22. The Committee recommends that the State party establish an independent national or regional human rights institution in accordance with the principles relating to the status of national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights (the Paris Principles) and ensure that it has a specific mandate and adequate human, technical and financial resources to effectively promote and protect women's rights and gender equality in the State party.”

“30. The Committee urges the State party:

(d) To designate safe spaces for victims and survivors of gender-based violence, including sexual violence, throughout the State party's territory.”

“46. The Committee urges the State party:

(c) To review the “Migration with dignity” policy and comparable schemes to ensure greater participation of women in employment opportunities abroad and respect women's agency and their mobility choices.”

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.

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The Committee looks forward to pursuing the constructive dialogue it has started with the authorities of Kiribati 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-cesdaw@un.org.

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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Louiza Chalal'.

Louiza Chalal
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