

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 fifth periodic report of Niger, at the Committee's eighty-seventh session, held in February 2024. At the end of that session, the Committee's concluding observations ([CEDAW/C/NER/CO/5](#)) were transmitted to your Permanent Mission. You may recall that in paragraph 58 on follow-up to the concluding observations, the Committee requested Niger to provide, within two years, written information on the steps taken to implement the recommendations contained in paragraphs 10 (a), 18 (b), 40 (d) and 54 (a) of the concluding observations, namely:

“10. The Committee calls for the prioritization of the consolidation of the rule of law, the constitutional order and the implementation of the Convention, as effective safeguards to protect and ensure respect for women's rights. It calls upon the State party to implement the recommendations contained in the present concluding observations as a matter of high priority for national mobilization and international support, emphasizing in particular systematic and strengthened engagement with the United Nations country team in ensuring the protection and promotion of women's rights. The Committee urges the State party:

(a) To ensure that the new constitution and other relevant legislation incorporate a definition of direct and indirect discrimination against women in the public and private spheres and intersecting forms of discrimination, in line with articles 1 and 2 of the Convention, the Committee's general recommendation No. 28 (2010) on the core obligations of States parties under article 2 of the Convention and target 5.1 of the Sustainable Development Goals, to end all forms of discrimination against all women and girls everywhere.”

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

(b) Ensure the meaningful and inclusive participation of women in all processes related to women and peace and security, in particular with regard to the adoption, implementation and assessment of relevant national action plans.”

“40. Recalling its general recommendation No. 36 (2017) on the right of girls and women to education, the Committee recommends that the State party raise awareness of the importance of girls' education as a basis for their empowerment and: [...]

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(d) Take measures to increase school enrolment, retention and completion rates among girls, in particular at the secondary school level, such as by providing scholarships for girls and free school meals, and promote increased access to electricity for power and lighting, continuing education for women, non-traditional educational choices among girls, such as in the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics and information and communications technology, and the development of leadership skills, critical thinking and the ability to lead and take decisions among girls.”

“54. Recalling its general recommendation No. 21 (1994) on equality in marriage and family relations and its general recommendation No. 29 (2013) on the economic consequences of marriage, family relations and their dissolution, the Committee recommends that the State party:

(a) Amend the Civil Code to set the legal minimum age of marriage at 18 years of age for both women and men and pursue its efforts to combat child marriage, especially in rural areas, including by addressing its root causes, encouraging reporting and ensuring the prosecution and adequate punishment of those responsible, including complicit family members, religious and community leaders and civil registrars, in accordance with joint general recommendation No. 31 of the Committee/general comment No. 18 of the Committee on the Rights of the Child (2019).”

Although the information sought by the Committee was due in February 2026, 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 Niger 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,



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