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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 Uganda at the Committee's twenty-second session, held in April 2015. At the end of that session, the Committee's concluding observations were transmitted to your Permanent Mission (CMW/C/UGA/CO/1). You may recall that in the concluding observations, the Committee requested Uganda to provide, within two years, written information on the steps undertaken to implement the recommendations contained in paragraphs 29, 43 and 45 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/UGA/CO/1/Add.1). The Committee welcomes the follow-up report received in December 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 29 of the concluding observations, the Committee encourages the State party to strengthen its efforts to implement the recommendation to ensure that, in law and in practice, migrant workers and members of their families, including those in an irregular situation, have equal opportunities as nationals of the State party to file complaints and obtain effective redress in the courts, including labour courts, in cases where their rights under the Convention are violated, and that it take additional measures to inform migrant workers and members of their families, including those in an irregular situation, about the judicial and other remedies available to them in case of a violation of their rights under the Convention.

Regarding the recommendation made in paragraph 43 of the concluding observations, the Committee encourages the State party to take the necessary measures to fully implement its recommendation to guarantee to migrant workers and members of their families, both in law and in practice, the right to form and be a member of the executive bodies of associations and unions for the promotion and protection of their economic, social, cultural and other interests, in accordance with article 40 of the Convention as well as with ILO Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organize Convention, 1948 (No. 87).

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Regarding the recommendation made in paragraph 45 of the concluding observations, the Committee encourages the State party to undertake measures to fully implement its recommendation to ensure the right to vote for Ugandan migrant workers residing abroad.

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

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

Ahmadou Tall Chairperson Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their families