

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 ninth periodic reports of Honduras, at the Committee's eighty-third session, held in October 2022. At the end of that session, the Committee's concluding observations ([CEDAW/C/HND/CO/9](#)) were transmitted to your Permanent Mission. You may recall that in paragraph 54 on follow-up to the concluding observations, the Committee requested Honduras to provide, within two years, written information on the steps taken to implement the recommendations contained in paragraphs 15 (d), 25 (d), 39 (b) and 39 (c) of the concluding observations, namely:

“15. The Committee, recalling its previous recommendations (CEDAW/C/HND/CO/7 – 8, para. 13) and its general recommendation No. 33 (2015) on women's access to justice, recommends that the State party:

(d) Ensure that women and girls have access to victim and witness assistance and protection programmes and promote the expansion and institutionalization of the comprehensive victim care model.”

“25. Recalling its previous recommendations (CEDAW/C/HND/CO/7 – 8, para. 23) and in line with its general recommendation No. 35 (2017) on gender-based violence against women, updating general recommendation No. 19, and with target 5.2 of the Sustainable Development Goals on the elimination of all forms of violence against all women and girls in the public and private spheres, the Committee recommends that the State party strictly enforce and monitor the enforcement of legislation criminalizing gender-based violence against women and strengthen its public security strategy to combat organized crime and to eliminate the related high levels of insecurity and violence that continue to affect women and girls. It also recommends that the State party:

(d) Ensure the availability of a dedicated hotline available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, for victims of domestic and sexual violence and expand the network of specialized, inclusive and accessible shelters for women and girls who are victims of gender-based violence, taking into account their specific needs, and provide women who cannot safely return to their homes with psychosocial counselling, financial support, professional training, income-generating activities, shelter or affordable housing and, if necessary to ensure their safety, a changed identity.”

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“39. Recalling its general recommendation No. 24 (1999) on women and health and taking into account its statement on sexual and reproductive health and rights, adopted at its fifty-seventh session, in 2014, the Committee notes that unsafe abortion is a leading cause of maternal morbidity and mortality. It reiterates its previous recommendations (CEDAW/C/HND/CO/7 – 8, paras. 37 and 39) that the State party:

(b) Ensure the free distribution and commercialization of emergency contraception, in particular for women and girls who are victims of sexual violence, and ensure that women have access to adequate sexual and reproductive health services and information, including family planning, to prevent early pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections;

(c) Adopt a strategy to prevent and address cervical cancer, including by disseminating information on the linkages between human papillomavirus and cervical cancer, increasing education and awareness-raising for both men and women on prevention methods and ensuring that all women and girls have access to regular screening and the full vaccination schedule, especially in rural and remote areas.”

Although the information sought by the Committee was due in November 2024, 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 Honduras 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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