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Excellency,

In my capacity as Rapporteur on Follow-up on 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 fourth and fifth periodic reports of Croatia, at the Committee's sixty-first session, held in July 2015. At the end of that session, the Committee's concluding observations (CEDAW/C/HRV/CO/4-5) were transmitted to your Permanent Mission. You may recall that in paragraph 48 on follow-up on the concluding observations, the Committee requested Croatia to provide, within two years, written information on the steps taken to implement the recommendations contained in paragraphs 19 (a), (c), (d) and (e) and 31 (b) of the concluding observations, namely:

“19. Recalling its general recommendation No. 19 on violence against women, the Committee urges the State party:

(a) To expeditiously ratify the Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence;

(c) To abolish the practice of dual arrests in cases of domestic violence;

(d) To amend its criminal legislation on domestic violence to ensure the provision of expeditious protection orders for victims while criminal proceedings are pending and also to provide for civil protective measures that allow for both emergency, ex parte protective measures and/or long-term protective measures, as appropriate;

(e) To amend the law on protection against domestic violence to include within its scope all intimate partner relationships and past relationships where partners continue to pose the threat of violence”

“31. The Committee urges the State party ensure universal coverage of abortion and modern contraception within the Croatian Health Insurance Fund”

Although the information sought by the Committee was due in July 2017, 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 Croatia 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 **4000 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 [cedaw@ohchr.org](mailto:cedaw@ohchr.org). For ease of reference, please find attached a document providing information on the follow-up procedure, which includes guidelines on the drafting of follow-up reports by States parties.

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,



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