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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 seventh and ninth periodic reports of Romania, at the Committee's sixty-seventh session, held in July 2017. At the end of that session, the Committee's concluding observations (CEDAW/C/ROU/CO/7-8) were transmitted to your Permanent Mission. You may recall that in paragraph 48 on follow-up on the concluding observations, the Committee requested Romania to provide, within two years, written information on the steps taken to implement the recommendations contained in 15 (d), 19 (a) and (b) and 21 (a) of the concluding observations.

The Committee welcomes the follow-up report received with a three-month delay in October 2019 (CEDAW/C/ROU/CO/7-8/Add.1) under the CEDAW follow-up procedure. At its seventy-fifth session, held in February 2020 in Geneva, the Committee examined this follow-up report and adopted the following assessment.

Regarding the recommendation made in **paragraph 15 (d)** of the concluding observations, urging the State party to “**Adopt, in cooperation with women's organizations, a national action plan to fully implement the provisions of Security Council resolution 1325 (2000) on women and peace and security**”:

The Committee welcomes the information provided by the State party that the Ministry of National Defence has been coordinating the drafting process of the National Action Plan for the implementation of the Security Council resolution 1325 (2000) on women and peace and security, in cooperation with other Ministries, academic and a women's organization. However, it regrets that the State party does not provide information if the Action Plan is supposed to increase women at all decision-making levels in national, regional and international institutions and mechanisms for the prevention, management, and resolution of conflict. The Committee considers that the State party took some steps to implement the recommendation. It considers that the recommendation **has been partially implemented**.

The Committee considers that the information provided by the State party is thorough and extensive, but it fails to respond fully to the recommendation. It thus considers that the quality of the information provided is **partially satisfactory**.

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The Committee recommends that, in relation to **paragraph 15 (d)** of the concluding observations, the State party provide, **in its next periodic report**, information on further actions taken to:

Adopt, in cooperation with women's organizations, a national action plan to fully implement the provisions of Security Council resolution 1325 (2000) on women and peace and security and provide information on details of the action plan, including provisions of representation of women at all decision-making levels.

In relation to the recommendation made in **paragraph 19 (a)** of the concluding observations, urging the State party to “**systematically collect disaggregated data on cases of gender-based violence and discrimination against women brought before the courts and on the number of protection orders and include such data in the next periodic report**”:

The Committee welcomes statistical data provided by the State party on domestic violence in 2017 and 2018 from the Romanian Police through the General Inspectorate of Police (GIRP), the Prosecutor's Office attached to the High Court of Cassation and Justice (POHCCJ) and the National Agency for Equal Opportunities for Women and Men (NAEO). While taking note of the measures taken to align different data collection systems, the Committee is concerned that each institution collects data separately and only on domestic violence. The Committee considers that the State party took some steps to implement the recommendation. It considers that the recommendation **has been partially implemented**.

The Committee considers that the information provided by the State party is thorough and extensive, and responds directly to the recommendation. It thus considers that the quality of the information provided is **satisfactory**.

Regarding the recommendation made in **paragraph 19 (b)** of the concluding observations, urging the State party to “**adopt a legislative package to address all forms of gender-based violence, including violence occurring in marriages and de facto unions, in particular marital rape, and in public and private life, harmonize national legislation on violence against women with the Istanbul Convention and specifically address violence against Roma women**”:

The Committee welcomes the adoption of the legislative package to prevent and combat violence against women, including domestic violence, in line with the provisions of the Istanbul Convention between 2018 and 2019. The Committee commends the adoption of the Law no. 174/2018, which amended the Law no. 217/2003 on preventing and combating domestic violence. It notes that the Law 174/2018 redefined the concept of “domestic violence”, which includes marital rape, and extended the definition of “family member” to persons in de facto unions. Furthermore, the Committee notes with appreciation on the implementation of the project “Support for the Implementation of the Istanbul Convention in Romania” for the period 2019-2022, which includes protection of women in ethnic minorities such as Roma women, by the National Agency for Equal Opportunities for Women and Men. The Committee considers that the State party took significant steps to implement the recommendation. It considers that the recommendation **has been implemented**.

The Committee considers that the information provided by the State party is thorough and extensive, and responds directly to the recommendation. It thus considers that the quality of the information provided is **satisfactory**.

The Committee recommends that, in relation to **paragraph 19** of the concluding observations, the State party provide, **in its next periodic report**, information on further actions taken to:



Continue efforts to establish a centralized data collection system to collect disaggregated data on cases of gender-based violence and discrimination against women brought before the courts and on the number of protection orders and include such data in the next periodic report.

With regard to the recommendation made in **paragraph 21 (a)** of the concluding observations, urging the State party to “**adopt a new strategy against trafficking in persons that accords priority to measures intended to improve the social and economic situation of women in order to eliminate their vulnerability to trafficking, including by identifying potential victims and facilitating the reintegration of victims, and focus on vulnerable groups, such as rural and Roma women, undocumented women migrant workers and girls exploited by begging rings, including girls who are victims of sexual exploitation**”:

The Committee welcomes the adoption of the National Strategy against human trafficking for the period 2018–2022 and the National Action Plan for its implementation in 2018. It also welcomes that the State party planned activities with the involvement of institutions with expertise in providing specialized support to people belonging to vulnerable groups and took socio-economic measures to reduce the vulnerability to trafficking, including reintegration of victims through incentives for agencies to hire those victims. The Committee, however, regrets the absence of information about whether the abovementioned vulnerable groups include rural and Roma women, undocumented women migrant workers and girls exploited by begging rings, including girls who are victims of sexual exploitation. The Committee considers that the State party took substantial steps to implement the recommendation. It considers that the recommendation **has been substantially implemented**.

The Committee considers that the information provided by the State party is thorough and extensive, but it fails to respond fully to the recommendation. It thus considers that the quality of the information provided is **partially satisfactory**.

The Committee recommends that, in relation to **paragraph 21 (a)** of the concluding observations, the State party provide, **in its next periodic report**, information on further actions taken to:

Provide support to rural and Roma women and undocumented women, who are victims of trafficking, migrant workers and girls exploited by begging rings, including girls who are victims of sexual exploitation and to reduce their vulnerability to trafficking.

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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