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Excellency,

In my capacity as Chairperson of the Committee on Migrant Workers (CMW), I have the honour to refer to the examination of the initial report of Kyrgyzstan 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/KGZ/CO/1). You may recall that in the concluding observations, the Committee requested Kyrgyzstan to provide, within two years, written information on the steps undertaken to implement the recommendations contained in paragraphs 27, 29, 31 and 33 of the concluding observations.

At its twenty-ninth session, held in September 2018 in Geneva, the Committee examined the follow-up report of the State party (CMW/C/KGZ/CO/1/Add.1). The Committee welcomes the follow-up report received in May 2018 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 27** of the concluding observations, the Committee encourages the State party to take all necessary measures to fully implement its recommendations to: (i) ensure that, in law and in practice, migrant workers and members of their families, including those in an irregular situation, have opportunities equal to those of nationals of the State party to file complaints and obtain effective redress in the courts in cases where their rights under the Convention are violated; and (ii) inform migrant workers and members of their families, including those in an irregular situation, about the judicial and other remedies available to them in the event of a violation of their rights under the Convention.

Regarding the recommendation made in **paragraph 29** of the concluding observations, the Committee encourages the State party to continue to implement the recommendation to ensure that its consular services can meet effectively the needs of Kyrgyz migrant workers and members of their families in terms of protecting their rights and providing them with assistance, including by allocating sufficient human resources and funding and developing continuing training programmes, including gender and children's rights awareness training for consular officials in the context of the Convention and other human rights treaties.

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In regards to the recommendation made in **paragraph 31** of the concluding observations, the Committee encourages the State party to strengthen its efforts to implement the recommendation to adopt practical and effective measures to ensure access to emergency medical care for all migrant workers and members of their families, in particular those who are in an irregular situation in the territory of the State party.

Regarding the recommendation made in **paragraph 33** of the concluding observations, the Committee encourages the State party to intensify its efforts to implement the recommendation to adopt practical and effective measures, for example through specific programmes, to ensure that children of migrant workers, especially those in an irregular situation, have access to and can remain in the education system.

The Committee looks forward to pursuing its constructive dialogue with the authorities of Kyrgyzstan 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