

*Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women*

REFERENCE: BN/follow-up/81/Lebanon/88

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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 sixth periodic report of Lebanon, at the Committee's eighty-first session, held in February 2022. At the end of that session, the Committee's concluding observations ([CEDAW/C/LBN/CO/6](#)) were transmitted to your Permanent Mission. You may recall that in paragraph 47 on follow-up to the concluding observations, the Committee requested Lebanon to provide, within two years, written information on the steps taken to implement the recommendations contained in paragraphs 10 (a), 16 (a), 18 (c) and 22 (a) of the concluding observations, namely:

“10. The Committee, in line with its guidance note on the obligations of States parties to the Convention in the context of COVID-19, issued on 22 April 2020, recommends that the State party:

(a) Implement institutional, legislative and policy measures to redress long-standing inequalities between women and men and to give renewed impetus to the achievement of gender equality by placing women at the centre of COVID 19 recovery strategies as a strategic priority for sustainable change, in line with the Sustainable Development Goals;”

“16. The Committee recommends that the State party:

(a) Build the capacity of judges, prosecutors, lawyers and police officers, including by making training on the Convention and the Committee's general recommendations a mandatory part of their professional training;”

“18. The Committee recommends that the State party:

(c) Expedite the adoption of the new national strategy for women in Lebanon (2022–2030) by explicitly integrating the recommendations of the Committee and strengthening technical assistance from United Nations agencies;”

“22. In line with article 4 (1) of the Convention and its general recommendation No. 25 (2004) on temporary special measures, the Committee recommends that the State party:

(a) Urgently adopt the draft laws introducing a minimum quota for the inclusion of women as candidates on political parties' electoral lists for parliamentary and municipal elections, as well as sanctions for non-compliance;”

Although the information sought by the Committee was due in February 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 Lebanon 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-cesdaw@un.org](mailto:ohchr-cesdaw@un.org).

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

Yours sincerely,



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