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*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 report of China, at the Committee's eighty-fifth session, held in May 2023. At the end of that session, the Committee's concluding observations ([CEDAW/C/CHN/CO/9](#)) were transmitted to your Permanent Mission. You may recall that in paragraph 88 on follow-up to the concluding observations, the Committee requested China to provide, within two years, written information on the steps taken to implement the recommendations contained in paragraphs 12 (a), 36 (c), 42 (d) and 70 (a) of the concluding observations, namely:

12 (a): "The Committee reiterates its previous recommendation (CEDAW/C/CHN/CO/7-8, para. 11) that the State party ensure that the provisions of the Convention are fully integrated into the national legal system, including by amending or repealing legislative provisions that are incompatible with the principles of equality and non-discrimination and make the Convention a reference in the definition and implementation of the 2030 Agenda, as well as in the international cooperation strategy of the State."

36 (c): "The Committee recommends that the State party [...] create an enabling environment for women human rights defenders from diverse communities to promote, protect and advocate for women's human rights without fear of reprisals."

42 (d): "The Committee draws attention to its general recommendation No. 13 (1989) on equal remuneration for work of equal value and target 8.5 of the Sustainable Development Goals, to achieve, by 2030, full and productive employment and decent work for all women and men, and equal pay for work of equal value, and recommends that the State party [...] raise the retirement age of women to be equal to that of men, with a view to increasing pension benefits and addressing old-age poverty of women."

70 (a): "Recalling its general recommendation No. 35 (2017) on gender-based violence against women, updating general recommendation No. 19, the Committee recommends that Hong Kong, China urgently submit to the parliament for adoption draft legislation on sexual offences that incorporates a definition of rape, which is based on lack of consent, covers any non-consensual sexual act and takes into account all coercive circumstances, in line with international human rights standards."

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Although the information sought by the Committee was due in October 2025, 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 China 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 **3,150 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](mailto:ohchr-cedaw@un.org).

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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jelena Pia-Comeita'.

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