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Excellency,

In my capacity as Rapporteur for Follow-up on Concluding Observations of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), I have the honour to refer to the examination of the fifth and sixth periodic reports of Iceland at the Committee's forty-first session, held in June-July 2008. At the end of that session, the Committee's concluding observations were transmitted to your Permanent Mission (CEDAW/C/ICE/CO/6). You may recall that in paragraph 45 of the concluding observations, the Committee requested Iceland to provide, within two years, further information regarding the specific areas of concern identified by the Committee in paragraph 24 of the concluding observations.

The Committee welcomes the information submitted by Iceland on 18 May 2011 under the CEDAW follow-up procedure (CEDAW/C/ICE/CO/6/Add.1), with a ten-month delay.

At its forty-ninth session, held in July 2011 in New-York, the Committee examined the information provided and noted that Iceland had responded to all the recommendations contained in paragraph 24. The Committee considered that while most of its recommendations had been fully implemented by Iceland, two had only been partially implemented.

The Committee recommends that the State party provide in its next periodic report (combined seventh and eighth) statistical data related to trafficking and prostitution and information on the system put in place as well as progress made in the ratification of the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings.

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The Committee looks forward to pursuing its constructive dialogue with the authorities of Iceland on the implementation of the Convention.

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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "D. Šimonović". The signature is written in a cursive style with a light blue shadow effect behind it.

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