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Excellency,

I wish to inform you that the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, during its 110th session, considered the follow-up report submitted by the Government of Kazakhstan, pursuant to article 9 (1) of the Convention and rule 65 (1) of the Rules of Procedure of the Committee.

The Committee welcomes the submission of the report, in response to its request to receive information within one year on the implementation of the recommendations contained in paragraphs 18 (b) and 32 of the Concluding Observations (CERD/C/KAZ/CO/8-10), adopted following the consideration of the State party's 8th to 10th reports, at its 106th session, held in April 2022.

The Committee appreciates the opportunity provided to continue its dialogue with the State party and would like to draw the State party's attention to the observations mentioned below. The Committee requests that comments and responses on actions taken by the State party on these issues be included in its combined 11th to 14th periodic reports, which is due for submission, in a single document, by 25 September 2025.

Paragraph 18 (b) of the Concluding Observations

The Committee welcomes the information provided by the State party on the guidelines developed by the Ministry of Information and Social development to counteract hate speech in public statements as well as the QazNetEtiquette code of ethics developed in partnership with international organisations. Additionally, the Committee welcomes the information that the State party is taking steps towards introducing administrative liability for hate speech.

The Committee requests further information on the appeals published on the website of the Office of the Prosecutor-General warning of criminal responsibility for inciting ethnic hatred, advocating separatism, and distributing false messages.

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The Committee notes the steps taken by the State party to conduct mediation trainings using the curriculum for training ethnic mediators and professional negotiators in the field of inter-ethnic relations.

The Committee, however, regrets that the State party did not provide updated information on the development of the planned methodological guidelines to address racist hate speech in public discourse. Reiterating its recommendation, the Committee requests the State party to provide this information in its next periodic report.

The Committee considers the response to this recommendation as partially satisfactory.

Paragraph 32 of the Concluding Observations

The Committee welcomes the information provided on the commitment of the State party to article 8 of the Education Act and the 1951 Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees. The Committee also welcomes the information that Ombudsmen for Children's Rights were appointed in each region in 2022.

Nevertheless, the Committee regrets the lack of information provided on measures adopted to support access to education for students with ethnic minority backgrounds or with parents that do not possess valid registration.

Reiterating its recommendation, the Committee invites the State party to provide information in its next periodic report on the measures taken to guarantee children from ethnic minority backgrounds with access to education regardless of the legal status of their parents, to support children with ethnic minority backgrounds with access to post-secondary education, and to evaluate the effectiveness of these measures.

The Committee considers the State party's response to this recommendation as partially satisfactory.

Rest assured, Excellency, that the Committee looks forward to continuing its constructive dialogue with the Government of Kazakhstan, with a view to providing it with assistance in its efforts to ensure the effective implementation of the Convention.

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

Yours sincerely,



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Chair

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