



REFERENCE: AA/follow-up/Chad/57

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Excellency,

In my capacity as Rapporteur on 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 combined initial to fourth report of Chad, at the Committee's fiftieth session, held in October 2011. At the end of that session, the Committee's concluding observations (CEDAW/C/TCD/CO/1-4) were transmitted to your Permanent Mission. You may recall that in paragraph 52 on follow-up on the concluding observations, the Committee requested Chad to provide, within two years, written information on the steps taken to implement the recommendations contained in paragraph 13 and 29 of the concluding observations, namely:

“13. The Committee calls upon the State party:

(a) To raise awareness on the precedence of national law over customary law and of the Convention over national law, within the judiciary, and among traditional and religious leaders;

(b) To carry out a comprehensive review process of its legislation with a view to, inter alia, repealing existing discriminatory provisions against women within customary, religious and modern laws and guaranteeing that these bodies of law are harmonized with the Constitution and the Convention; and set up a clear time frame for the completion of such review process;

(c) To ensure that within the legal order, women enjoy formal and substantive equality with men in all sectors, including adequate sanctions prohibiting direct and indirect discrimination against women as defined in article 1 of the Convention, as well as remedies for violations of rights;

(d) To review, as a priority, the draft code on the person and the family to ensure that its provisions are in line with the Convention, and proceed promptly to its adoption;

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(e) To take the necessary steps towards the enactment of the act prohibiting discriminatory practices in Chad, as previously recommended by the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD/C/TCD/CO/15, para. 14);

(f) To collaborate with women and human rights organizations willing to participate in the review process of the national legislation, and sensitize religious and traditional groups and leaders on the importance of such review and ensure their participation in it.

“29. The Committee calls upon the State party:

(a) To formulate and adopt a national plan of action to implement Security Council resolution 1325 (2000) in an integrated manner with the Convention in order to incorporate a gender perspective in peace processes, with the aim to initiate strategic actions, identify priorities and resources, and determine responsibilities and time frames at a national level regarding women, peace and security;

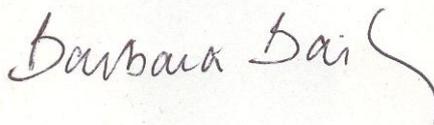
(b) To fully involve all women concerned in all stages of the peace process, including by ensuring them equal opportunity and participation in the decision-making processes, with the aim to better incorporate the needs of women and girls during the post-conflict reconstruction process, including in areas such as repatriation and resettlement, and rehabilitation and reintegration.”

Although the information sought by the Committee was due in October 2013, 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, and as to when the information requested will be forthcoming.

The Committee looks forward to pursuing the constructive dialogue it has started with the authorities of Chad on the implementation of the Convention. In this context, the Committee seeks to receive your response to this reminder without further delay. 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 cedaw@ohchr.org. For ease reference, please find attached a document providing information on the follow-up procedure, which includes guidelines on the drafting of Follow-up reports by State parties.

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,



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