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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 letter of reminder dated 25 November 2014, sent to the Permanent Mission of the Independent State of Samoa to the United Nations after the Committee's fifty-ninth session held in October-November 2014 (see Annex), requesting the State party to provide information on the steps undertaken to implement the relevant recommendations. Although the information sought by the Committee was due in July 2014, to date, it has not been received.

Accordingly, I wish to reiterate the Committee's request 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. Upon receipt of this information, the Committee will be able to assess whether further action is needed.

The Committee looks forward to pursuing the constructive dialogue it has started with the authorities of the Independent State of Samoa on the implementation of the Convention. In this context, the Committee seeks to receive your response to this enquiry without further delay. You are therefore kindly requested to send a Word electronic version of the information to the Secretariat of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women by email to [cedaw@ohchr.org](mailto:cedaw@ohchr.org).

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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