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Excellency,

I wish to inform you that the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, during its 104th session, considered the follow-up report submitted by the Government of El Salvador, 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 17 and 19 of the Concluding Observations (CERD/C/SLV/CO/18-19) adopted following the consideration of the State party's combined 18th and 19th periodic reports, at its 99th session, held in August 2019.

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 20th to 22nd periodic reports, to be submitted in a single document, by 30 December 2022.

Paragraph 17 of the Concluding Observations

While welcoming the information provided by the State Party on the constitution of a Directorate-General of Multiculturalism, the mandate of which includes addressing Afrodescendant affairs and promotion of Afrodescendant rights, the Committee regrets the lack of measures taken to establish a public entity specifically in charge of the protection and promotion of the rights of the population of African descent. The Committee also regrets the lack of specific measures taken by the State party to expedite the adoption of the constitutional amendment for the recognition of the existence of the State party's population of African descent. The Committee considers the answer to this recommendation unsatisfactory and requests the State party to provide, in its next periodic report, information on measures taken to implement the recommendation.

Paragraph 19 of the Concluding Observations

The Committee notes the difficulties resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic in the State party and welcomes the implementation of crisis response measures for indigenous communities during the pandemic.

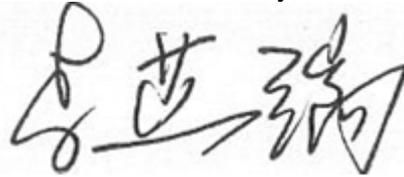
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The Committee nonetheless regrets that no measures to implement the National Policy for Indigenous Peoples have been taken. The Committee also regrets the failure to expedite the ratification of the International Labour Organization (ILO) Indigenous and Tribal People Convention, 1989 (No. 169). While noting that elections took place in the State party on 28 February 2021, the Committee is concerned about the lack of progress towards guaranteeing the right of indigenous peoples to participation and free, prior and informed consultation on legislative developments that affect their rights. The Committee considers the answer to this recommendation unsatisfactory and requests the State Party to provide, in its next periodic report, information on the measures taken to implement the recommendation.

Rest assured, Excellency, that the Committee looks forward to continuing its constructive dialogue with the Government of El Salvador, 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,



Yanduan Li
Chair

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