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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 combined second, third and fourth periodic report of Slovakia, 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/SVK/CO/4). You may recall that in paragraph 55 of the concluding observations, the Committee requested Slovakia to provide within one year further information regarding the specific areas of concern identified by the Committee in paragraph 45 of the concluding observations.

On 24 December 2009, the State party provided information on these paragraphs (CEDAW/C/SVK/CO/4/Add.1). The Committee welcomes the information submitted by Slovakia under CEDAW's follow-up procedure and notes that it was received with a five month delay.

At its forty-fifth session, held in January-February 2010 in Geneva, the Committee examined the information provided and noted that the recommendations had been partially implemented by Slovakia. The following observations are made by the Committee to the State party replies:

- a. The Committee notes that the State party has introduced various legislative measures to address unlawful sterilization. The Committee also notes that information has not been provided as to what steps have been taken so far to monitor that the full consent of sterilizations has taken place in all cases. The Committee would welcome information about the monitoring mechanisms that have been put in place to monitor that consent takes place. Also, please inform the Committee on what sanctions could be used in the event of a breach.

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- b. The Committee notes that there is no information contained in the State party reply with respect to remedies to victims of unlawful sterilization and would be grateful to receive information concerning remedies to persons who may have undertaken sterilization without their consent. Furthermore, the Committee would appreciate to receive information on steps taken to increase awareness about the new legislation, including the complaints procedure, among the population, in particular Roma women.

The Committee looks forward to pursuing its constructive dialogue with the authorities of Slovakia on the implementation of the Convention, and, in that context, to receiving your response to my enquiries in the next periodic report.

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

Yours sincerely,



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