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Excellency,

I wish to inform you that the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, during its 116th session, considered the follow-up report submitted by the Government of San Marino, 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 12 (national human rights institution) and paragraph 24 (e) (situation of migrant workers (badanti)) of the Concluding Observations CERD/C/SMR/CO/1 adopted following the consideration of the State party's initial periodic report at its 112th session, held in April 2024.

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 next periodic report.

Paragraph 12 of the Concluding Observations

The Committee welcomes the information provided by the State party indicating that a regulatory measure should be adopted by the end of 2025 to establish an Ombudsman, in accordance with the Principles relating to the Status of National Human Rights Institutions, which is expected to become fully operational in 2026.

The Committee requests the State Party to provide, in its next periodic report, information on measures taken to fully implement the recommendation.

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Paragraph 24 (e) of the Concluding Observations

The Committee takes note of the information provided that the competent authorities of the State party are in the process of drafting a "National Strategy against Trafficking in Human Beings" and an accompanying "Operational Protocol for Taking Care of the Victims of Trafficking and Serious Exploitation of Human Beings", with a view to consolidate and update, within a single comprehensive framework, the procedures and support network for victims of trafficking, and to increase awareness-raising and training activities.

The Committee also notes of the information provided by the State party indicating that no cases of trafficking in persons have been identified in San Marino, and that no case files or judicial proceedings have been initiated before domestic courts in relation to such offences. While taking note of this information, the Committee is concerned over reports according to which the high demand for foreign labour in the State party creates risks of trafficking for the purpose of labour exploitation, particularly in sectors such as domestic work, construction, tourism and agriculture.

While noting the current work on a National Strategy and accompanying Protocol against trafficking in persons, the Committee regrets the lack of detailed information on the measures taken to establish procedures for the early identification of victims of trafficking and other forms of exploitation and for their referral to the appropriate assistance services. The Committee considers the response to this recommendation partially satisfactory. It reiterates its recommendation and requests the State Party to include in its next periodic report information on the measures taken to ensure its full implementation.

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