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Sir,

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 fourth periodic report of Uzbekistan at the Committee's forty-fifth session, held in January 2010. At the end of that session, the Committee's concluding observations were transmitted to your Permanent Mission (CEDAW/C/UZB/CO/4). You may recall that in the concluding observations, the Committee requested Uzbekistan to provide, within two years, further information regarding the specific areas of concern identified by the Committee in paragraphs 10 and 22 of the concluding observations.

The Committee welcomes the follow-up report received in February 2013, although it was received with a one-year delay (CEDAW/C/UZB/CO/4/Add.1), under the CEDAW follow-up procedure. At its fifty-sixth session, held in October 2013 in Geneva, the Committee examined this follow-up report and adopted the following assessment.

Regarding the recommendation made in **paragraph 10** of the concluding observations "to accelerate the process of adoption of the law on equal rights and equal opportunities for women and men within a clear time frame": The State party indicated that broad discussion took place in the Republic of Karakalpakstan, the provinces of the Republic of Uzbekistan and Tashkent in 2010 and 2011 and that it integrated in the draft law most of the comments provided by a member of the CEDAW Committee, in December 2010, in the framework of a UNFPA-supported expert evaluation of the draft law. The Committee considers that the State party took some steps towards the adoption of the law on equal rights and equal opportunities for women and men and that the recommendation has been **partially implemented**.

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Regarding the recommendation “to raise awareness among Government officials, the judiciary and the public with respect to the nature of indirect discrimination and the concept of substantive equality”: The Committee **did not receive information** to assess whether this recommendation has been implemented.

Regarding the recommendation made in **paragraph 22** of the concluding observations “to adopt a framework law on all forms of violence against women that also covers domestic violence and that introduces definitions in respect of all forms of domestic violence, including psychological and sexual violence”: The State party indicated that it prepared a framework for a draft law on domestic violence which was discussed in all regions of Uzbekistan at seminars entitled “Improving the legal framework for protection of women’s rights”. The Committee considers that the recommendation has been **partially implemented**.

Regarding the recommendation “to adopt comprehensive measures to address domestic violence, including by amending existing penal provisions, as necessary”: The Committee **did not receive information** to assess whether the recommendation has been implemented.

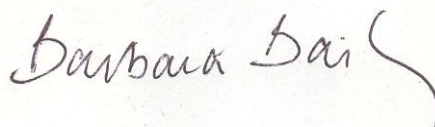
Regarding the recommendation “to develop a comprehensive national action plan to combat violence against women”: The State party indicated that it approved, on 3 August 2012, a National Action Plan for the implementation of the concluding observations and provided information on the content of this plan as regards elimination of violence against women. The Committee considers that the State party took some steps by adopting the National Action Plan for the implementation of the concluding observations. The Committee, however, did not receive sufficient information on the content of the Plan as regards the elimination of violence against women to assess the extent to which it is comprehensive. The Committee considers that the recommendation has been **partially implemented**.

The Committee recommends that the State party provide, **in its next periodic report**, information on further actions taken to implement the recommendations included in paragraphs 10 and 22 of the concluding observations.

The Committee looks forward to pursuing its constructive dialogue with the authorities of Uzbekistan on the implementation of the Convention.

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

Yours sincerely,



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