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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 examination of the combined third and fourth periodic report of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, at the Committee's fifty-first session, held in February-March 2012. At the end of that session, the Committee's concluding observations (CEDAW/C/DZA/CO/3-4) were transmitted to your Permanent Mission. You may recall that in paragraph 55 on follow-up on the concluding observations, the Committee requested the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria to provide, within two years, written information on the steps taken to implement the recommendations contained in paragraph 14 and 30 (a), (b), and (c) of the concluding observations, namely:

“14. The Committee urges the State party to ensure full implementation of the Convention and, to that end, recommends that the State party:

- (a) Provide comprehensive information on the effect of its reservations on the implementation of the provisions of the Convention and the situation of women in the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria;
- (b) Expedite legislative reforms, especially of the Family Code, to allow it to withdraw its reservations to articles 2, 15, paragraph 4, and 16 of the Convention within a specific time frame.

“30. The Committee urges the State party:

- (a) To prepare and adopt, as a matter of priority, the legislation on violence against women, including domestic violence, taking into account the Committee's general recommendation No. 19 (1992);

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(b) To stipulate in the Criminal Code the definition of rape including marital rape and other sex crimes, to be defined as sexual offences committed in the absence of one's consent;

(c) To compile reliable data on the prevalence of domestic and sexual violence against women, the investigations, prosecutions, convictions and sentences imposed on perpetrators, and on the remedies, including compensation, provided for victims since 2005.”

Although the information sought by the Committee was due in March 2014, it has not been received to date. Accordingly, I would be grateful 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.

The Committee looks forward to pursuing the constructive dialogue it has started with the authorities of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria on the implementation of the Convention. In this context, the Committee seeks to receive your response to this reminder without further delay. Please also send a Word electronic version of the information requested to the Secretariat of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women by email to [cedaw@ohchr.org](mailto:cedaw@ohchr.org). For ease reference, please find attached a document providing information on the follow-up procedure, which includes guidelines on the drafting of Follow-up reports by State parties.

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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