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Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women

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Excellency,

In my capacity as Rapporteur on follow-up to concluding observations of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), I have the honor to refer to the examination of the ninth periodic report of Hungary, at the Committee's eighty-fourth session, held in March 2023. At the end of that session, the Committee's concluding observations (CEDAW/C/HUN/CO/9) were transmitted to your Permanent Mission. You may recall that in paragraph 46 on follow-up to the concluding observations, the Committee requested Hungary to provide, within two years, written information on the steps taken to implement the recommendations contained in paragraphs 14 (a), 16 (a), 30 (a) and 36 (a) of the concluding observations, namely:

- "14. Recalling its general recommendation No. 33 (2015) on women's access to justice, the Committee recommends that the State party address the barriers to women's and girls' access to justice, including by:
- (a) Conducting a study to identify barriers faced by women and girls, in particular those who experience intersecting forms of discrimination, in accessing justice, and by taking effective measures to remove those barriers, including by raising the awareness of women of their rights and improving the accessibility of the judicial system"
- "16. The Committee recalls its general recommendation No. 30 (2013) on women in conflict prevention, conflict and post-conflict situations, and recommends that the State party:
- (a) Finalize and adopt the draft national action plan for the implementation of Security Council resolution 1325 (2000) on women and peace and security, in cooperation with representatives of women's civil society organizations, and ensure that it takes into consideration the full spectrum of the Council's agenda on women and peace and security, as reflected in Council resolution 1325 (2000) and subsequent resolutions, and that it incorporates a model of substantive equality that addresses gender-based violence against women and discrimination against women in all spheres of women's lives, including intersecting forms of discrimination against women"
- "30. Recalling its general recommendation No. 23 (1997), the Committee recommends that the State party:

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- (a) Introduce targeted measures, including temporary special measures, in line with article 4, paragraph 1, of the Convention, and general recommendation No. 25 (2004), such as increased quotas in different sectors and financing targeted campaigns to accelerate women's equal and inclusive representation at all levels of government, including in Parliament, the judiciary, academia and the foreign service, in particular at decision-making levels"
- 36. In line with its general recommendation No. 24 (1999) on women and health, and targets 3.1 and 3.7 of the Sustainable Development Goals, the Committee recommends that the State party:
- (a) Repeal the amendment to the regulation No. 32/1992 (XII.23) and ensure unimpeded and adequate access to legal abortion and post-abortion services for all women in the State party, including by ensuring that institutions are precluded by law from raising conscientious objections, defining the grounds on which it is permissible for health professionals to raise such objections and guaranteeing mandatory referrals in cases of conscientious objections"

Although the information sought by the Committee was due in February 2025, 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.

The Committee looks forward to pursuing the constructive dialogue it has started with the authorities of Hungary on the implementation of the Convention. In this context, the Committee seeks to receive your response to this reminder within one month of the date of this correspondence.

Please note that this response should be precise and should not exceed a maximum length of **3,150 words**, including footnotes. You may attach a limited number of annexes containing statistical data only which are not counted for the word limit. 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 ohchr-cedaw@un.org.

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

Yours sincerely,

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