



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 fifth periodic report of Albania, at the Committee's eighty-sixth session, held in October 2023. At the end of that session, the Committee's concluding observations ([CEDAW/C/ALB/CO/5](#)) were transmitted to your Permanent Mission. You may recall that in paragraph 55 on follow-up to the concluding observations, the Committee requested Albania to provide, within two years, written information on the steps taken to implement the recommendations contained in paragraphs 12 (a), 24 (b), 28 (b) and 36 (d) of the concluding observations, namely:

12 (a): "The Committee recommends that the State party consider revising Law No. 9970/2008 on gender equality in society, in accordance with the commitment made in the National Strategy on Gender Equality, 2021–2030, to accelerate the realization of de jure (legal) and de facto (substantive) gender equality."

24 (b): "In line with its general recommendation No. 35 (2017) on gender-based violence against women, updating general recommendation No. 19, and with Sustainable Development Goal 5.2 on the elimination of all forms of violence against all women and girls in the public and private spheres, the Committee recommends that the State party strictly enforce legislation criminalizing gender-based violence against women, including in sports. It also recommends that the State party amend the Criminal Code to specifically criminalize femicide and cyberviolence and define all forms of gender-based violence against women, including physical, psychological, sexual, economic and domestic violence, as criminal offences."

28 (b): "Recalling its general recommendation No. 23 (1997) on women in political and public life, as well as target 5.5 of the Sustainable Development Goals, the Committee recommends that the State party to [...] adopt temporary special measures, such as statutory quotas and a gender parity system, in line with article 4 (1) of the Convention and the Committee's general recommendation No. 25, to ensure the equal representation of women, including rural women, women with disabilities, women belonging to ethnic minorities and lesbian, bisexual, transgender and intersex women, in Parliament and municipal legislative bodies, the Government, the civil service and the foreign service, in particular at decision-making levels."

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36 (d): “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, to reduce global maternal mortality and ensure universal access to sexual and reproductive health-care services, the Committee recommends that the State party, including through its Primary Health-care Strategy, 2020–2025 and National Action Plan on Sexual and Reproductive Health, 2022–2030, strengthen the access of women to quality health-care services, in particular for rural and older women, including by improving the health-care infrastructure, increasing budgetary allocations for the health sector and conducting informational campaigns on women’s health. In particular, it recommends that the State party [...] strictly enforce the prohibition of sex-selective abortions and establish services, including helplines, for women who are pressured into undergoing sex-selective abortion.”

Although the information sought by the Committee was due in October 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 Albania 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jelena Pia-Comella', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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Rapporteur on follow-up

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