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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 seventh and eighth periodic reports of Iceland, at the Committee's sixty-third session, held in March 2016. At the end of that session, the Committee's concluding observations were transmitted to your Permanent Mission. You may recall that in paragraph 55 of the concluding observations on follow-up, the Committee requested the State party to provide, within two years, further information on the specific areas of concern identified in paragraphs 20 (c) and 26 (a) of the concluding observations.

In September 2019, the Committee sent a reminder to the Permanent Representative, observing that the information sought by the Committee had not yet been provided.

In light thereof and in the absence of the receipt of the follow-up report from Iceland to date, I would be grateful to meet with a representative of the State party during the 72nd session of the Committee (18 February – 8 March 2019) at the United Nations Headquarters in Geneva, Palais des Nations, Room XVI, to discuss the matters set out above. I am available on Monday, 18 February 2019, between 2 – 2:30 pm or 2:30 – 3 pm or Tuesday, 19 February 2019, between 9 – 9:30 am or 9:30 – 10 am. In this regard, you are invited to contact Ms. Miki Kuroda, Human Rights Officer (mkuroda@ohchr.org, phone: +41 22 917 95 90).

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

Yours sincerely,

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