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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 honor to refer to the examination of the combined sixth and seventh periodic report of Mali, at the Committee's sixty-fourth session, held in July 2016. At the end of that session, the Committee's concluding observations (CEDAW/C/MLI/CO/6-7) were transmitted to your Permanent Mission. You may recall that in paragraph 50 on follow-up on the concluding observations, the Committee requested Mali to provide, within two years, written information on the steps taken to implement the recommendations contained in paragraphs 20 (a), (c) and (e) and 44 (a), of the concluding observations, namely:

“20. The Committee, recalling its general recommendation No. 19 (1992) on violence against women, reiterates its previous recommendation (see CEDAW/C/MLI/CO/5, para. 18) that the State party:

(a) Expedite the enactment and implementation of a law on combating gender-based violence against women and ensure that it criminalizes rape, including marital rape, incest, sexual harassment and female genital mutilation and does not refer cases of gender-based violence against women to mediation;

(c) Remove obstacles faced by victims of gender-based violence to gaining access to justice by eliminating the practice of requiring a medical certificate to initiate criminal proceedings for rape;

(e) Provide sufficient assistance and protection to women and girls who are victims of gender-based violence, including by increasing the number of shelters and providing them with medical treatment, psychosocial rehabilitation and reintegration programmes, especially in rural areas, and by coordinating interventions and support services in cooperation with civil society organizations and international partners.”

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“44. The Committee, recalling its general recommendations No. 21 (1994) on equality in marriage and family relations and No. 29 (2013) on the economic consequences of marriage, family relations and their dissolution, in addition to joint general recommendation No. 31 of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women/general comment No. 18 of the Committee on the Rights of the Child on harmful practices (2014), recommends that the State party:

(a) Repeal all discriminatory provisions in the Personal and Family Code and ensure its effective implementation.”

Although the information sought by the Committee was due in July 2018, 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 Mali 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 **4,000 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 cedaw@ohchr.org. For ease of reference, please find attached a document providing information on the follow-up procedure, which includes guidelines on the drafting of follow-up reports by States parties.

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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