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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 fourth periodic report of Albania, at the Committee's sixty-fourth session, held in July 2016. At the end of that session, the Committee's concluding observations (CEDAW/C/ALB/CO/4) were transmitted to your Permanent Mission. You may recall that in paragraph 47 on follow-up on 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 13 (b) and (d) and 23 (a) and (d), of the concluding observations, namely:

“13. In the light of its general recommendation No. 33 (2015) on women's access to justice, the Committee recommends that the State party:

(b) Take measures to strengthen the capacity of the State Commission for Legal Aid in the Ministry of Justice to offer primary or secondary legal aid, including through the establishment of local legal aid clinics;

(d) Reverse the burden of proof in cases of alleged sex-based or gender-based discrimination in favour of claimants.”

“23. The Committee recommends that the State party:

(a) Take measures to encourage women to report cases of gender-based violence by providing free legal aid, including in rural and remote areas, and by establishing a 24-hour hotline service;

(d) Strengthen the enforcement of court decisions, in particular those that concern protection orders or emergency protection orders for women who are victims of gender-based violence, including by building the capacity of judicial personnel, such as court bailiffs.”

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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 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 **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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