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Mandate of the Working Group on the issue of discrimination against women in law and in practice

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Excellency,

I have the honour to address you in my capacity as Chairperson of the Working Group on the issue of discrimination against women in law and in practice, pursuant to resolution 15/23 of the Human Rights Council.

In paragraph 19 of that resolution, the Council calls upon all States to cooperate with the Working Group, to provide all available information that it might need and to enable it to fulfil its mandate effectively.

In this respect, and notwithstanding the limited existing resources, the Working Group would like to ensure a systematic follow-up to country visits carried out in the framework of its mandate. We would therefore be grateful if Your Excellency's Government could provide us by **25 September 2017** with concise written information (maximum ten pages) on the status of implementation of the recommendations formulated in the report on our visit conducted from 16 to 23 May 2013 (See report A/HRC/26/39/Add.1). Your Government's reply and possible information submitted by other relevant actors, such as civil society, will be made public on the website of our Working Group. In addition, we would like to take this opportunity to draw your Excellency's attention to the Working Group's questionnaire dated 24 July 2017 in which we are seeking the views of concerned authorities, inter alia, on the impact of the Group's country visits and the usefulness of the reports. For further information please contact Ms. Bernadette Arditi (barditi@ohchr.org, +41 22 917 9159) or Mr. Jean-Claude Misenga (jmisenga@ohchr.org, +41 22 917 9059) human rights officers responsible for supporting our mandate at the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights.

We wish to thank your Excellency's Government for its continuing cooperation.

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

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