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**Mandate of the Special Special Rapporteur on Violence against Women, its Causes and Consequences,
Dubravka Šimonović, Special Rapporteur**

SUBJECT: Information on creation of a national femicide watch and observatory on violence against women

REFERENCE: Your letter dated 6 November 2020

Dear Ms Šimunović,

With regard to your letter dated 6 November 2020, we would like to inform you about the progress made in Bosnia and Herzegovina in process of establishment of the Femicide Watch, the body tasked to collect and analyze data related to femicide cases and report to Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina, at the proposal of the Agency for Gender Equality of BiH, Ministry for Human Rights and Refugees of Bosnia and Herzegovina, at its session held on August 5, 2019, adopted Decision on establishing a Committee for Monitoring and Reporting under the Istanbul Convention and Femicide.

Article 4, paragraph c) of the Decision specifies that the Committee is responsible for analyzing data on cases of female homicide (femicide) and makes recommendations for further action to prevent femicide, in accordance with the recommendations of the UN Special Rapporteur on Violence against Women, its causes and consequences.

The Committee held its constituent meeting on November 6, 2019, and the second meeting on February 13-14, 2020. At the last meeting it was agreed that the Agency for Gender Equality of BiH will make an analysis of cases in the last few years and define the tasks of the future Femicide Watch that will be established within the Committee.

Unfortunately, with the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, activities have been temporarily suspended. The Committee will meet again on December 4 online. One of the goals of the next

meeting is to define the dynamics and methodology of the process of establishing Femicide Watch in the first half of next year.

Having said the above, the Agency is currently unable to provide you with other requested information in such a short period of time. By establishing Femicide Watch, we hope that this information will be collected and analyzed on a regular basis and we will be able to provide it to you whenever requested.

Since we are not able to provide you with the all requested information, we would like to inform you that we do not want this submission to be made public.

Sincerely Yours,

DIRECTOR

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