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**Mandate of the Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences**

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Dear Lesley Ann,

I would like to thank you and your colleagues at Masimanyane Women's Support Centre for the extensive and excellent coordination of civil society meetings and the cooperation your organization extended to me during my visit to South Africa from 4 to 11 December 2015. I was able to benefit from productive discussions with relevant civil society organizations, including yours.

As you are aware, I will be analyzing the information collected during my visit with a view to submitting a country visit report to the 32<sup>nd</sup> session of the Human Rights Council in June 2016. Your continued support in that context and particularly in the follow-up to the recommendations provided in that report would be greatly appreciated. It is my hope that the recommendations contained in this report will contribute to the work that women's rights organizations have already undertaken with regards to the areas of my mandate.

Please accept, dear Lesley Ann, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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