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Human Rights Commission

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Honourable Minister Rivers
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Dear Minister Rivers,

The Human Rights Commission (HRC) noted that a report supplementing the National Conference on Women Report dated May 2014 was released in August.

Following a review of the original report the HRC has now reviewed the supplementary report noting the discussion of human rights and the Convention for the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW).

The report was very informative and highlighted worrisome scenarios and circumstances under which women in the Sister Islands may be discriminated against. The HRC acknowledges that due to the size of the Sister Islands there is a propensity for unreported discrimination against women.

The HRC commends the Ministry's initiative on such an important national discussion and fully supports you in your efforts.

Kind regards,

James Austin-Smith
Acting Chairman
Human Rights Commission