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Dear Ms. Motz & Ms. Hungerbühler,

I have the honour to inform you that your communication dated 18 March 2021, which you submitted to the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women for consideration under the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women against Switzerland on behalf of [REDACTED] and their two children has been registered as communication 168/2021. You are kindly asked to refer to the registration number in any future correspondence.

In accordance with rule 69 of the Committee's rules of procedure, a copy of the communication has been sent to the State party today, with the request that any information or observations in respect of the question of admissibility and merits should reach the Committee within eight months.

Pursuant to article 5, paragraph 1, of the Optional Protocol and rule 63 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the Committee, acting through its Working Group on communications under the Optional Protocol, has requested the State party to refrain from expelling [REDACTED] and their two children to Croatia while their communication is under consideration. The Committee may review the necessity of maintaining the request for interim measures once the State party's observations thereon have been received.

Please be aware that final decisions adopted by the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women are made public. Therefore, if you wish for the identities of authors not to be disclosed in the final decision, you are kindly requested to so indicate as soon as possible. Kindly note that, due to the level of publicity the Committee's decisions usually receive (including dissemination via Internet, which thus makes the correction and/or deletion of data circulating online virtually impossible), it may not be possible to satisfy requests for anonymity submitted after the publication of the Committee's decision. The Committee shall not be responsible to the authors in any manner for any inconvenience, arising out of the complainants or alleged victim's failure to notify the Committee in a timely manner about his/her decision not to have their name disclosed to the public at large.

Additionally, kindly note that the Committee, acting through its Working Group on communications under the Optional Protocol, has approved registration of the present complaint only as pertaining to the claims raised against Switzerland. Please be informed that if you wish to also present a complaint against Croatia, as indicated in the submitted communication, you are kindly requested to do so by submitting a separate complaint, while outlining the steps taken to exhaust domestic remedies relating to the claims raised against Croatia.



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All deadlines for observations and comments have been extended by 2 months of the date of the present note in light of the spread of COVID-19 and the present note has been adapted accordingly.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ibrahim Salama'.

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