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Dear Ambassador Janine Elizabeth Coye-Felson:

Permit me to introduce myself. My name is Carl Augustsson. I was born in the United States of America to a mother from the US and a father from Sweden. I am now married to a woman from the Republic of Georgia. Consequently, I have citizenship in all three countries. I am writing to you regarding the Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW). As a firm believer in equality between men and women, I support the goals of CEDAW. However, it is impossible to have equality between men and women without eliminating discrimination against men as well. It is for this (and other reasons) that I am a Men's Rights Advocate. Here in Tbilisi, Georgia, I am the liaison contact for the National Coalition For Men (NCFM), the largest and oldest men's rights group in the US, and perhaps the whole world.

I am writing to you because we here at NCFM sincerely believe that what is now needed is a Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Men (CEDAM). I have enclosed a draft version of what we think a CEDAM should look like. If it is not quite written in a proper form, we can work on that. This is, after all, just a rough draft. Likewise, CEDAW established a committee in order to oversee its implementation. Perhaps a similar committee should be established for CEDAM.

We realize that we need at least several United Nations member states to sponsor CEDAM. That's why I am writing to you. We would be honored if Belize agreed to sponsor CEDAM. I would be more than honored to visit Belize to present this plan. I hasten to emphasize: please don't feel that you have to agree with everything in this proposal in order to sponsor it.

On a personal note, though I have never been to Belize, I certainly hope to visit someday. For one thing, I have heard that Belize has some of the world's best scuba diving. Likewise, I have also heard that Belize has many well-preserved Mayan ruins.

Feel free to contact me at my personal email address (probably the best way of contacting me): Augustsson17@hotmail.com, or at NCFM's headquarters in San Diego, CA. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Carl Augustsson (Liaison Contact, Tbilisi, Georgia)

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