

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO BOLIVIA – ADD.1

CZECH REPUBLIC

- Has the Government of Bolivia considered issuing a standing invitation to the Human Rights Council Special Procedures? Regarding several pending requests for visits of human rights special procedures, in which time frame does the Government consider realization of these visits to which it agreed?
- How is Bolivia addressing the remaining discriminatory provisions in its civil and criminal national laws with regard to women? Has it started process of their revision?
- What measures have been or are being adopted to fight violence against women, including in the area of prevention, investigation of any attacks and punishment of perpetrators? What tools are there available to victims, e.g. shelters, restraining orders and are there e.g. any awareness-raising campaigns on the unacceptability of violence against women? Are there official statistics of cases of violence against women allowing regular assessment of yearly development of this issue?
- How is ensured protection of journalists and human rights defenders, in particular those dealing with protection of human rights of indigenous and peasants, from intimidation or attacks? How is e.g. ensured investigation of complaints of journalists on assaults against them? Has the Pando Massacre of 2008 been already investigated and persons responsible for it prosecuted?
- How is ensured on national level implementation of obligations from CRC?
- How is ensured birth registration and does it cover every child?
- How is ensured in practice effective access to education, with regard to children with disabilities, indigenous children, street children and girls?
- What measures are being adopted to fight incidence of child labour including its worst forms?
- How is ensured protection of the rights of the child in juvenile justice system?
- What human rights education and training is provided to members of the police, army, and judiciary and how is ensured their accountability for any violations of human rights? Are there any specific programmes aimed at eliminating racism, homophobia and negative stereotypes against women?

GERMANY

- In 2008, CEDAW urged Bolivia to repeal without delay all legislation that discriminates against women, including discriminatory provisions in its criminal and civil law. Special reference was made to article 317 of the Penal Code, which provides that there shall be no punishment in cases of rape and other abuses when perpetrators marry their victims, and to article 130 of the Family Code on the grounds for divorce (A/HRC/WG.6/7/BOL/2). Germany

would be interested to receive information on how the Government of Bolivia has followed-up to these recommendations.

- OHCHR-Bolivia indicated that according to the Observatorio Nacional de Medios, a total of 117 journalists suffered verbal and physical assaults between June 2007 and August 2008. It added that there has been no satisfactory investigation of the few complaints filed by journalists and the national press guild. In 2008, the High Commissioner called upon the Government to respect and guarantee freedom of expression, freedom of the press and the right to information (A/HRC/WG.6/7/BOL/2). Germany would like to know which steps the Government of Bolivia has undertaken to improve the the physical security of journalists.
