

## ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO ECUADOR

### GERMANY

- What strategy does the Ecuadorian government pursue with regard to the effective implementation of the bill of rights contained in the new Constitution? How does it, in particular, intend to grant full enjoyment of these rights to vulnerable groups such as for example indigenous women in rural areas?

### ICELAND

- **Women's rights**

Iceland acknowledges the efforts Ecuador has made to mainstream gender perspectives into all public policies, programmes and projects and to improve the legal status of women and towards eliminating violence against women, including human trafficking. Iceland particularly commends Ecuador on the establishment of specialised body of judges in matters of violence against women and domestic violence. However, Iceland remains concerned about peripheral and minority groups of women who suffer double or multiple discrimination and are particularly vulnerable to exploitation, including human trafficking, such as woman migrants and refugees, lesbians, indigenous and Afro-Ecuadorian women. Iceland encourages Ecuador to guarantee that the implementation of the recently established instruments, including the national action plan against human trafficking, works for the benefit of all women equally irrespective of their ethnic origin, social class, sexuality, migrant status, and any other status or views.

- **Rights of the Child**

Iceland recognises the steps Ecuador has taken for the protection of children and towards the elimination of sexual violence against children including human trafficking. Furthermore, Iceland acknowledges the action Ecuador has taken to eradicate child labour. However, Iceland recommends Ecuador to further expedite implementation and emphasises action against impunity of perpetrators. Furthermore, Iceland is interested to learn what are Ecuador's plans on protecting children in other areas than the aforementioned and eradicating other types violence against children, including domestic verbal and physical violence, homelessness of children and the vulnerability to exploitation and trafficking it entails, and whether or when Ecuador plans to criminalise corporal punishment of children.

### NORWAY

- Norway would kindly ask Ecuador to elaborate on its efforts for safeguarding the rights of indigenous peoples, especially in view of its commitments with

regards to ILO-Convention 169 and consultations of indigenous peoples, and in the light of ongoing or future natural resource extraction projects.

- Libel and defamation is part of the Criminal Code in Ecuador. How does Ecuador ensure that these clauses and future policy and law related to the media are in line with international and Inter-American standards for freedom of expression?
- In accordance with recommendations made in the first UPR of Ecuador, the country report specifies that measures have been taken to reduce violence against women and children in the private sphere. How does the authorities evaluate the results of its action plan against such violence and other initiatives taken in this area?
- The national report of Ecuador specifies that NGOs have been involved in the process of writing the report. We kindly request more information with regards to the inclusion of NGOs in the assessment and report writing process.

## **SLOVENIA**

- What measures have been taken to address the continued de facto discrimination of women, in particular indigenous women and women of African descent, in accessing resources, education and positions?
- How would you assess the effectiveness of steps taken to combat discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation?
- We would be interested in more information about the enrolling rate and education opportunities of indigenous population, in particular of those with difficulty in reaching schools.
- Please give more information about access to education for children with disabilities.

## **UNITED KINGDOM**

- Please could you update us on plans the government has to work with international bodies, like the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, to promote and protect freedom of expression in Ecuador?
- We would be grateful for information on steps taken by the government to implement provisions in the 2008 Constitution to consult local communities

impacted by major development projects, particularly those linked to large scale mining?

- How does the government assess the impact of pilot community policing and neighbourhood watch schemes aimed at improving access to justice? Does the government plan to extend such schemes to other parts of the country?
- We are following with interest the new decree 932 governing the work of NGOs and would appreciate an update on implementation of the decree.