

## **ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO BOLIVIA (PLURINATIONAL STATE OF)**

### **BELGIUM**

- Does the Government of Bolivia intend to respond positively to the request for visits of the Special Rapporteur on mercenaries, the Special Rapporteur on violence against women, the Independent Expert on foreign debt, and the Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises.
- The Government of Bolivia has agreed in principle to visits of several special rapporteurs. Has the Government of Bolivia set concrete dates for these visits?
- Is the Government of the Bolivia considering accepting the individual complaints procedure under all human rights conventions to which it is already a State party?
- Some reports from the Government of Bolivia to the treaty bodies are overdue. What measures have been taken by the Bolivian Government to remedy this?
- Which concrete measures has the Government of Bolivia taken to ensure the effective implementation of the Act on Political Harassment and Violence against Women?
- In 2013 the Government of Bolivia approved Law 348 addressing violence against women. Which measures have been taken to ensure access to justice for victims of violence, in particular for vulnerable groups, like indigenous women and women from rural areas?
- How does the Bolivian Government intend to prevent that feminicides are unjustly registered as manslaughter?
- Is the Government of Bolivia planning prevention campaigns on violence against women?
- The Human Rights Committee expressed its concern at the impunity with regard to violence and discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation, sexual or gender identity. What steps does the Government of Bolivia intend to take to address this concern?
- Which concrete steps are the authorities taking to prevent sexual abuse of children in schools, to investigate such abuses and to bring the perpetrators to trial?
- How is the Bolivian Government ensuring that the two exceptions in the new children's law allowing children to work at 10 years for self-employment and at 12 years with parental consent does not negatively affect the most vulnerable children?
- What does the Government of Bolivia intend to do to ensure the application of the legislative and normative framework in the area of eradication of child labor and sexual exploitation of minors and to ensure that offences are effectively investigated, prosecuted and penalized?
- Does the Government of Bolivia intend to take the necessary steps to implement a national health plan and educational programs, including education on sexual and reproductive health rights, as recommended by the Human Rights Committee in relation to the high rate of teen pregnancies?

## **CZECH REPUBLIC**

- What measures is the Government taking to improve efficiency of investigations of threats and attacks against journalists and human rights defenders?
- Does the Government of Bolivia consider establishing shelters or similar facilities and services to support victims of domestic violence? What other steps are being prepared or implemented in order to tackle domestic violence?
- Does the Government plan any particular measures or projects to increase accessibility of education for vulnerable groups of children, such as children living in remote rural areas and children with disabilities?
- What particular steps is the Government taking to ensure more effective enforcement of the laws prohibiting child labour?
- What measures does the Government of Bolivia intend to take in order to improve the overall conditions in prisons that are severely overcrowded?

## **GERMANY**

- In 2010 Germany recommended that Bolivia take effective measures to protect children from exploitative forms of labor and from work in hazardous environments. In light of the newly adopted legislation allowing children to work from the age of ten, we would like to enquire what protection the Government affords to children and whether such protection mechanisms receive sufficient financing? In this regard, what measures has Bolivia taken to keep children in school? Does the Government of Bolivia ultimately believe that such legislation is in accordance with its international human rights obligations?
- Germany is concerned about the widespread lack of access to justice, overcrowding in prisons and increasing violence against women. Germany is therefore interested to know what concrete measures the Government of Bolivia is taking or planning to take to strengthen the judicial system in terms of efficiency, transparency and independence, and in the fight against corruption and impunity? What are the Government's plans to address the alarming overcrowding of the prison system? What measures will be taken to guarantee the independence of the constitutional court?
- Germany acknowledges the establishment of a Commission of Truth (National Commission of Inquiry into Disappearances) to investigate human rights violations during the military dictatorship. In this context, we would like to know which concrete measures the government of Bolivia has taken to ensure the independence of this Commission, whether it is endowed with sufficient financial resources and if international standards are applied to its work.

## **LIECHTENSTEIN**

- Liechtenstein recognises Bolivia's commitment to international criminal justice, as evidenced by its continued support for the International Criminal Court and its ratification of the Agreement on Privileges and Immunities of the Court (APIC).
- Liechtenstein is aware that the Bolivian Government is currently undertaking steps to fully implement the provisions of the Rome Statute into domestic law. What progress has been made in this regard?
- What steps has Bolivia taken to ratify the Kampala amendments to the Rome Statute?

## **NETHERLANDS**

- What measures will the Government of Bolivia take to prevent violence against women and improve the access of women to the judicial system?
- What policies will the Government of Bolivia undertake to eliminate child labour and to provide schooling for working children?
- What measures will the Government of Bolivia take to create and protect an enabling environment where human rights defenders can freely carry out their legitimate human rights work?

## **NORWAY**

- What steps are the government taking to ensure all indigenous peoples right to consultation is consistent with international human rights obligations?
- What judicial and legislative measures are being taken in order to ensure that no prisoner in Bolivia is exceeding the maximum pre-trial detention of three years awaiting trial or a final valid verdict, and to reduce the situation of overcrowding in Bolivian prisons?
- What concrete measures are being taken to guarantee the freedom of expression and the security of all journalists in the country, and that regulation of media complies with international standards of free speech?
- How will the government ensure that more cases of violence against women and children are investigated, and that these matters are receiving more attention and proper follow up by the legal system?
- What steps are taken to prevent further delays in the investigations and trials of human rights violations that occurred during authoritarian governments between 1964 and 1982? Will the government ensure that all victims of political violence are adequately compensated?

- How will the government ensure that the Children and Adolescents' Defence Committees are provided with adequate financial, technical and human resources in implementation of the Children and Adolescents Code? Also, how will the implementation of the law be monitored and evaluated?
- How will the government ensure that discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity is addressed in all anti-discrimination legislation, and implement the Human Rights Committee's recommendation to investigate and prosecute violence based on sexual orientation and gender identity and compensate the victims?
- What is the Government doing to secure and guarantee the implementation of the decision by the Constitutional Court of 5 February 2014, that allows women access to abortion without a judicial authorization process in cases of rape?

## **SWEDEN**

- How will a specific protection system adapted to the working children's need work in practice? How will the ministries collaborate and also invest not only human but also financial resources to prevent boys and girls from working and to improve the conditions for them, including eradicating the worst forms of child labor?
- Will the juvenile justice system be institutionally regulated with a budget and a clear division of roles and responsibilities between different actors?
- What measures and resources will Bolivia use to implement the provisions, including following up the prohibition against physical and mental punishment?

## **UNITED KINGDOM**

- What are the Government's plans to tackle domestic violence against women?
- What are the Government's plans to reform the justice sector?