

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC (FIRST BATCH)

PORTUGAL on behalf of the Group of Friends on NMIRF's

- Could the State-under-review describe its national mechanism or process responsible for coordinating the implementation of accepted UPR recommendations and the monitoring of progress and impact?
- Has the State-under-review established a dedicated 'national mechanism for implementation, reporting and follow-up' (NMIRF) covering UPR recommendations, but also recommendations/observations generated by the UN human rights Treaty Bodies, the Special Procedures and relevant regional mechanisms? If so, could the State-under-review briefly share its experience on creating such mechanism, including challenges faced and lessons learnt, as well as any plans or needs to strengthen the NMIRF in the future?

UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND

- When does the Dominican Republic Government plan to finalise and implement the protocol to the National Regularisation Plan for Foreigners, thereby resolving issues relating to residency status?
- How does the Government intend to end long pre-trial detentions and thereby negate the associated human rights issues that this raises?
- Could the Government provide an update on when the proposed legislation on 'femicide' will be passed and implemented?

URUGUAY

- En el anterior ciclo del Examen Periódico Universal, Uruguay recomendó a la República Dominicana considerar una enmienda al Código Penal para incorporar la criminalización de todas las formas de violencia contra la mujer. La República Dominicana aceptó esa recomendación, y en su informe nacional señala que el Ministerio de la Mujer ha presentado propuestas de inclusión de la perspectiva de género y fortalecimiento de los derechos de las mujeres, incluso en el Código Penal. Uruguay quisiera saber qué tipo de propuesta se ha presentado en este sentido.
- En lo relativo a la simplificación de procedimientos para la inscripción de niños en el momento de nacer, si bien considera que sería más efectivo no exigir un documento específico a las madres para inscribir a sus hijos, Uruguay quisiera saber si se ha implementado la resolución 08/2007, que dispone la expedición de Cédulas de Menor a madres embarazadas menores de 16 años de edad para que puedan declarar sin ningún inconveniente a su niño al momento en que se produzca su parto.

LIECHTENSTEIN

- Liechtenstein recognizes the Dominican Republic's commitment to international criminal justice, as evidenced by its ratification of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC).
- **What steps has the Dominican Republic taken to ratify the Kampala amendments to the Rome Statute on the crime of aggression?**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

- The United States is encouraged by the Dominican Republic's progress in reforming the National Police, including by investigating and removing members who commit misconduct and addressing prison overcrowding through "mobile courts." We remain deeply concerned, however, by allegations of more than 100 extrajudicial killings, as well as arbitrary or unlawful detentions and torture of prisoners. What further actions has the government taken to prevent these practices?
- Since 2015 NGOs recorded more than 150 violent attacks, including some by security forces, and arbitrary arrests against LGBT individuals. What measures is the Government of the Dominican Republic taking to ensure security forces and judicial officials are adequately trained to prevent, investigate, and prosecute abuses committed against LGBT individuals? What steps is the government taking to prevent discrimination against LGBT persons in the provision of government services?
- We note that 37% of girls were married before the age of 18. How is the Government of the Dominican Republic working to address this problem?
- What steps is the Government of the Dominican Republic taking to facilitate processing of refugees and asylum seekers? including those from Venezuela?