

## **ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO DOMINICAN REPUBLIC-Add.1**

### **CZECH REPUBLIC**

- How far is the process of ratification of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, which was signed by the Government of Dominican Republic in 1985? Has the Government of the Dominican Republic considered acceding to the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment?
- Has the Government of Dominican Republic considered issuing a standing invitation to the Special Procedures of the Human Rights Council?
- How is ensured national implementation of obligations from the 1951 Refugee Status Convention and the 1967 Protocol thereto?
- We welcome the creation of the post of Ombudsperson and the Assistant Ombudsperson for Children and Youth by law in 2001 and we would like to know what challenges the Government is facing in the process of appointing holders of these positions leading to both of them remaining still empty?
- What measures is the Government of Dominican Republic adopting against discrimination based on race, nationality and gender? How is ensured prevention of hate crimes against persons of minority nationality, gender identity or sexual orientation?

### **DENMARK**

- Although some measures have been taken against violence against women, there are still reports of a high incidence of violence against women, and of trafficking. What are the plans of the government of the Dominican Republic to counteract these incidences?
- What will the government of the Dominican Republic do to stop harassment of media workers which often occurs in relation to reporting on corruption?

### **LATVIA**

- According to the information by the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, 66 countries from different regions of the world have issued standing invitations to all special procedures of the Human Rights Council.
- Considering previous cooperation of the Dominican Republic with special procedures mandate holders (Independent Expert on human rights and extreme poverty (3-6 December 2001); Special Rapporteur on racism and Independent Expert on minorities (23-29 October 2007)) - would your country consider extending a standing invitation to all special procedures of the Human Rights Council in the future?

## **SWITZERLAND**

- What are the concrete political measures implemented by the national authorities to fight intimidations against journalists and human rights defenders, and what are the concrete measures taken to investigate such allegations?
- What are the concrete additional measures to the National Plan for Equality introduced by the national authorities to effectively fight the violence made to women?

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