

## Responses to Recommendations

### BELIZE

Review in the Working Group: 5 May 2009  
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#### Belize's responses to recommendations:

In the Report of the Working Group:	In the Addendum:	During the plenary:	Recommendations pending responses:	Summary:
36 REC accepted; 0 rejected; 10 pending	Out of the 10 pending REC, 1 was rejected; 9 were commented on but no clear position was given	No additional information was provided	None	Accepted: 36 Rejected: 1 No clear position: 9 Pending: 0

#### List of recommendations contained in Section II of the Report of the Working Group A/HRC/12/4:

**“67. The recommendations formulated during the interactive dialogue have been examined by Belize and the recommendations listed below enjoy the support of Belize:**

A - 1. Look into the possible ratification of the United Nations Convention against Corruption (Netherlands);

A - 2. Ratify the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESR) (Turkey), which has been signed but not ratified (Argentina);

A - 3. Consider the ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CPD) (Azerbaijan); accede to CPD and ICESR (Mexico);

A - 4. Accede to ICESR in a timely manner as it was signed in September 2000 (Japan);

A - 5. Consider adhering to the Optional Protocols to ICESR and CPD as soon as possible (Argentina, Mexico) as well as the Optional Protocols to ICCPR and to CED (Argentina);

A - 6. Accede to the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (OP-CAT) (Czech Republic); consider its ratification (United Kingdom, Argentina);

A - 7. Work towards completing the process already underway for accession to major international instruments of human rights (Algeria);

A - 8. Implement the recommendations of the Committee on the Rights of the Child to prioritize effective measures to reduce poverty among indigenous and minority children (Canada);

A - 9. Fully implement the Domestic Violence Act (Slovenia);

A - 10. Consider the possibility of establishing a national human rights institution in conformity with the Paris Principles (Algeria);

A - 11. Conduct a systematic evaluation of the merits of establishing a national human rights institution (United States);

A - 12. Provide human rights training with regard to the protection of vulnerable groups, in particular women, children, indigenous peoples and persons of minority sexual orientation or gender identity to law enforcement officials, judicial officers and all State officials (Czech Republic);

A - 13. Continue to strengthen its efforts to ensure that all police and security officers receive human rights training (Netherlands); introduce human rights education for all government officials and departments and ensure that a human rights-based approach is mainstreamed across government policy (United Kingdom); deploy further efforts in training security forces in the field of human rights (Italy);

A - 14. Strengthen the office of Ombudsman and the police department's office of internal affairs in order to improve capacity to hear and investigate complaints (Canada);

A - 15. Consider the possibility of eliminating the required parents' consent for HIV testing for minors under the age of 16 (Argentina);

A - 16. Strengthen efforts for the full implementation of the National Action Plan for Children (Czech Republic);

A - 17. Rectify possible shortcomings in the registration procedure for all newborn children (Czech Republic);

A - 18. Further strengthen activities to prevent the spread of HIV and stigmatization and discrimination against people living with HIV (Ukraine);

A - 19. Strengthen its efforts with regard to timely reporting to United Nations human rights treaty bodies (Netherlands);

A - 20. Continue to implement the recommendations made by the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women and on a regular basis submit the relevant reports for its consideration (Ukraine);

A - 21. Submit its overdue report to the Committee against Torture at the earliest time (Czech Republic);

A - 22. Submit all overdue reports to United Nations human rights convention treaty bodies and answer the questionnaires sent by special procedure mandate holders (Slovenia);

A - 23. Continue efforts to submit overdue reports requested by the committees of various international conventions to which Belize is a party, and seek technical assistance for the establishment of these reports (Germany);

A - 24. Consider extending a standing invitation to all special procedures of the Human Rights Council (Latvia);

A - 25. Give priority to the improvement of the situation of certain vulnerable groups, especially women

and children (Algeria)

A - 26. Take further steps to guarantee the right of children to an adequate standard of living and ensure that children from economically disadvantaged backgrounds are not exploited or abused (Turkey);

A - 27. Continue to address the persisting gender inequality in the country (United Kingdom);

A - 28. Improve the institutional capacity of the national machinery for the advancement of women, for their active involvement in public life (Azerbaijan);

A - 29. Consider the adoption of measures commensurate with international standards on the subject and the launching of public campaigns about non-violent forms of discipline (Argentina);

A - 30. Review its legislation with a view to prohibiting all forms of corporal punishment of children (Slovenia);

A - 31. Investigate duly and promptly allegations of misconduct, abuse and violence by public agents and take adequate action against those responsible for such crimes (Italy);

A - 32. Step up programmes aimed at eradicating poverty and improving social indicators, including in health and education (Algeria);

A - 33. Take further concrete measures to enhance women's access to health care, in particular sexual and reproductive services, as recommended by the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, among others (Netherlands)

A - 34. Take targeted measures or affirmative action, where necessary, to ensure active participation of women in the labour market and to close the wage gap between women and men (Turkey);

A - 35. Redouble its efforts in favor of the respect of the rights of indigenous peoples, in line with the provisions of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (Mexico);

A - 36. Continue its pursuit of assistance from the international community to foster its national human rights capacities (Mexico).

**68. The following recommendations will be examined by Belize, which will provide responses in due time. The response of Belize to these recommendations will be included in the outcome report adopted by the Human Rights Council at its twelfth session:**

NC - 1. Consider the complete abolition of capital punishment in its internal legislation (Italy);

NC - 2. Increase the age of criminal responsibility and the minimum age for marriage so that they comply with international standards (Czech Republic); change the legislation to raise the age limit for criminal responsibility to eighteen (Germany);

NC - 3. Take appropriate legislative measures to ensure that no person can be subject to criminal sanctions for same-sex activity between consenting adults (Italy);

NC - 4. Establish a national human rights institution in accordance with the Paris Principles (Canada);

NC - 5. Offer a standing invitation to all special procedures and seek international technical assistance as recommended by several United Nations human rights treaty monitoring bodies (United Kingdom);

NC - 6. Put an end to any discrimination against same-sex sexual activity between consenting adults, in particular by revising any discriminatory legislation, and adopt measures to promote tolerance in this regard (Czech Republic);

NC - 7. Abolish corporal punishment for children (Germany);

R - 8. Provide defendants in all serious criminal processes with an attorney when they cannot afford one by themselves (Canada);

NC - 9. Protect Mayan customary property rights in accordance with Mayan customary laws and land tenure practices in consultation with affected Mayan people of the whole Toledo district (Slovenia);

NC - 10. Review its legislation and practice with a view to ensuring effective access to asylum procedure and upholding the principle of non-refoulement (Czech Republic).”

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