

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO COSTA RICA (FIRST BATCH)

UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND

- How will the Government of Costa Rica ensure progress on addressing violence against women, including tackling the causes of femicide, discrimination and harassment of women in the work place and in public spaces?
- What plans does the Government have to address the lack of a legal framework to combat all forms of discrimination and racism?
- What is the Government of Costa Rica doing to reduce prison overcrowding and alleviate the use of extended pre-trial detention?
- What steps will the Government take to strengthen implementation of the law against trafficking in persons, intensify efforts to investigate and prosecute trafficking offences and to improve mechanisms for victim protection, ensuring the provision of appropriate support?
- What is the Government doing to address growing inequalities and improve access to health, social welfare, safe drinking water and sanitation for members of vulnerable groups?

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, which, *inter alia*, clusters all the above, manages them in national databases, coordinates implementation actions across government, monitors progress and impact, and then streamline reporting procedures back to the UN? 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?

URUGUAY

- ¿Qué medidas se han adoptado para asegurar la plena implementación del Convenio 189 sobre las trabajadoras y los trabajadores domésticos de la Organización

Internacional del Trabajo (OIT)?, de conformidad con la recomendación realizada por Uruguay en el pasado ciclo del EPU que fuera aceptada por Costa Rica.

BELGIUM

- Costa Rica has decriminalized abortion in case the life of the woman is at risk. However, the “technical regulation” that outlines the criteria under which physicians can perform this medical intervention has not been made public to date. Does the government of Costa Rica intend to make this technical regulation public?
- The Supreme Court of Costa Rica has declared an internal law which forbids same sex marriage unconstitutional. Does the government of Costa Rica intend to promulgate a law which recognizes same sex marriage? If so, what is the state of play regarding this law proposal?
- What concrete measures is the Costa Rican government taking in order to protect the fundamental rights and access to essential services of migrants and refugees, especially in light of the migration flow from Nicaragua?
- Is Costa Rica considering to ratify the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights?