

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO DOMINICAN REPUBLIC-ADD 1

CZECH REPUBLIC

- The Czech Republic shares concerns of some NGOs about numerous cases of unlawful killings, torture and other ill-treatment, enforced disappearances and arbitrary detention committed by the National Police. Journalists and other media workers are often the targets. Does the Government intend to adopt any related preventive measures?
- We commend the Government of the Dominican Republic for completing the process of ratification of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment in 2012. Does the Government of the Dominican Republic intend to accede also to the Optional Protocol to the Convention?
- The Ruling of the Constitutional Court of the Dominican Republic on Nationality of 23 September 2013 introduced new criteria for acquisition of Dominican nationality with regard to children of irregular migrants of Haiti origin with retroactive effect from 1929. Is there an intention of the Government to reconsider this regulation affecting tens of thousands of Haitian migrants and their children, even those born on Dominican soil decades ago?
- Has the Government of the Dominican Republic considered accession to the Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons and the Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness?

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- Is the Government of the Dominican Republic considering issuing a standing invitation to the special procedures?
- Does the Government of the Dominican Republic intend to respond positively to the special rapporteurs that have requested to visit the country like the special rapporteur on summary executions, the special rapporteur on torture and the special rapporteur on human rights defenders?
- Is the Dominican Republic considering accepting the individual complaints procedure under all the human rights conventions to which it is already a State party?
- What is the state of play of the ratification process of the Second Optional Protocol to International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty?

- Is Dominican Republic considering acceding to the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance?
- Can the Government of the Dominican Republic give a state of play of the accession process to the Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons and the Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness?
- Which concrete steps have been taken by the Dominican Republic to implement the Strategic Plan for the Prevention, Detection, Support and Punishment of Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (2011-2016)?
- During the previous UPR, the Dominican Republic accepted the recommendation from Belgium to adopt comprehensive strategies to combat racism, including specific measures on the status and protection of persons of Haitian origin. Which steps have been taken by the Government to implement this recommendation?
- What steps have been taken to address the concern of the CERD that the Constitution does not prohibit discrimination on grounds of race and that the Criminal Code and its proposed amendment did not provide a definition of racial discrimination in conformity with the Convention?
- The CESCR urged the Dominican Republic to guarantee universal free primary education and strengthen the quality of the public education system. Which measures have been taken by the Government of the Dominican Republic to promote equal access to education for all without discrimination?

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- What measures are the Government of the Dominican Republic taking to address impunity in the justice system?
- What will the Government of the Dominican Republic do to ensure that those affected by Constitutional Court ruling 168-13 will not be deprived of their acquired social and economic rights?
- What is the Government of the Dominican Republic doing to ensure crimes committed against LGBT persons are properly investigated without stigmatizing the victim?
- What is the Government of the Dominican Republic doing to ensure that Law 200-04 is properly implemented to ensure citizens have access to information held by State institutions?

- What measures are the Government of the Dominican Republic taking to ensure that marriages performed in religious buildings other than Roman Catholic Churches can be legally registered on the couple's behalf?