

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO DOMINICAN REPUBLIC-ADD 2

NORWAY

The Sentence TC 0168/13

- How does the ruling of the Tribunal Court protect the right to nationality as set out in article 18 in the constitution, of those born in the country that had acquired the Dominican nationality and had obtained a birth certificate?
- The Government of Norway notes that the Dominican Republic has announced a new law for naturalization. Could you please elaborate on the parameters that will form the basis of a future naturalization process?

LGBT

- The Government of Norway noted with satisfaction that, in the 2009 review, the Dominican Republic accepted recommendations to take all necessary measures to put an end to discrimination against gays, lesbians and transsexuals. Can the Government inform on any specific actions taken since the last review to combat such discrimination?

Gender- based violence

- Could the Dominican Government please inform on measures taken to revise the national legal framework to further protect women and girls from gender-based violence?

Human Rights Defenders

- The Government of Norway noted with satisfaction that the Dominican Republic accepted recommendations in the 2009 review to “effectively investigate and prosecute crimes and violations against human rights defenders and journalists, and ensure that those responsible are punished; furthermore adopt appropriate measures to disseminate widely and ensure full observance of the Declaration on Human Rights Defenders.” Could the Government of the Dominican Republic please elaborate on policies and measures adopted and implemented after 2009 to follow up this recommendation?

MEXICO

- ¿Qué programas de salud sexual y reproductiva existen y qué medidas está tomando la República Dominicana para hacer frente al alto número de embarazos en mujeres adolescentes y la alta tasa de mortalidad materna?
- ¿Cómo asegurará la República Dominicana que a sus nacionales que se vieron afectados negativamente por el fallo del tribunal constitucional en 2013 les sean

restituidos de manera adecuada la totalidad de sus derechos, incluidos el de la nacionalidad y la personalidad jurídica?

- ¿Qué medidas está tomando la República Dominicana para mejorar las condiciones laborales de trabajadores en áreas rurales y de producción para exportación, particularmente de mujeres y niños?

SPAIN

- España **pregunta** a la República dominicana si tiene prevista la creación de un segundo Plan de Acción para la trata de personas, una vez que el vigente plan finalice en 2014.
- España felicita a la República dominicana por el nombramiento de una Defensora del pueblo y **pregunta** por las medidas previstas para garantizar su independencia, así como por la disposición de recursos suficientes que permitan el correcto ejercicio de su labor.
- España **pregunta** por las medidas que la República Dominicana va a tomar para avanzar en la aplicación de las leyes en materia de menores de edad, continuando con el aumento significativo del gasto público en educación de modo que éste alcance el 4% del PIB establecido en su legislación.

GERMANY

- Germany remains particularly concerned that high rates of gender violence continue to persist in the Dominican Republic. Such crimes are not always prosecuted and convictions are rarely achieved. What measures will the Government of the Dominican Republic implement in order to prevent such violence and to increase support for women who have been subjected to it?
- It is worrying that reports of illegal and excessive use of violence by the police forces in the Dominican Republic continue. Can the Government of the Dominican Republic outline what progress it has made in regard to the monitoring and investigation of allegations of abuse and crimes committed by police officers?
- Germany remains concerned about discriminatory attitudes that persist on a societal level in the Dominican Republic. What steps is the government taking to eliminate all forms of discrimination in the Dominican Republic, including but not limited to, women, migrants and LGBTI persons?

- How does the Government of the Dominican Republic intend to support those persons on its territory that have not yet been formally registered and do not possess legal documents to prove their residence status?