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Addendum

**Views on conclusions and/or recommendations, voluntary commitments
and replies presented by the State under review**

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1. The Dominican Republic participated in the second cycle of the universal periodic review, reiterating its support for the mechanism. The mechanism's cooperative, dialogue-based approach satisfies the objective of equal participation by all States in driving the effective promotion and protection of human rights for all.
2. Under these premises, the Dominican Republic took note of the comments and recommendations and indicated that they would be examined in conjunction with the ministries and institutions concerned by the 134 recommendations.
3. We accept nearly all the recommendations and share the aims they pursue. Most of them (84) have already been implemented or are in the process of implementation. There is a small set of recommendations (29) whose implementation, for the time being, cannot be guaranteed and which have been taken under advisement. Only 21 recommendations, which are incompatible with constitutional principles and the domestic legal framework, do not have our support.
4. We reiterate our commitment to continue cooperating with the human rights mechanisms of the United Nations system, including, in particular, the Human Rights Council, and maintaining a frank dialogue on these issues on the basis of respect for all States and peoples.

The position of the Government of the Dominican Republic with regard to the recommendations made during the universal periodic review is as follows

Recommendations that have the support of the Government of the Dominican Republic

98.22, 98.23, 98.24, 98.25, 98.26, 98.27, 98.28, 98.29, 98.30, 98.34, 98.35, 98.36, 98.37, 98.38, 98.39, 98.40, 98.41, 98.42, 98.43, 98.44, 98.46, 98.47, 98.48, 98.49, 98.50, 98.51, 98.52, 98.53, 98.54, 98.55, 98.56, 98.57, 98.58, 98.59, 98.60, 98.61, 98.62, 98.63, 98.64, 98.65, 98.66, 98.67, 98.69, 98.70, 98.71, 98.72, 98.73, 98.74, 98.75, 98.76, 98.77, 98.78, 98.79, 99.80, 99.81, 99.82, 99.83, 99.84, 99.85, 98.86, 99.87, 99.88, 99.90, 99.91, 99.92, 99.93, 99.95, 99.96, 99.97, 99.99, 99.100, 99.101, 99.102, 99.103, 99.104, 99.105, 99.106, 99.107, 99.108, 99.109, 99.121, 99.122, 99.123, 99.134.

5. Many of the large number of recommendations accepted by the Dominican State have either already been implemented or are in the process of implementation or form part of the country's future priorities.

Recommendations that the Government of the Dominican Republic has taken under advisement

98.1, 98.2, 98.3, 98.4, 98.5, 98.6, 98.7, 98.8, 98.9, 98.10, 98.11, 98.12, 98.13, 98.14, 98.15, 98.16, 98.17, 98.18, 98.19, 98.20, 98.21, 98.31, 98.32, 98.33, 99.114, 99.115, 99.119, 99.126, 99.127.

6. The Dominican Republic has taken these recommendations under advisement. In many cases it is taking steps to achieve compliance with the recommendations but, because of the manner in which the issues are addressed, it is not possible, at present, to guarantee immediate compliance.
7. The Dominican Republic takes a very rigorous approach to the ratification of international treaties. Many institutions are involved, as well as considerable consultation time and an assessment of the treaty's constitutionality, in order to ensure that the international obligations assumed are compatible with national legislation.

Recommendations that do not have support of the Government of the Dominican Republic

98.45, 98.68, 99.89, 99.94, 99.98 99.110, 99.111, 99.112, 99.113, 99.116, 99.117, 99.118 99.120, 99.124, 99.125, 99.128, 99.129, 99.130, 99.131, 99.132, 99.133.

8. These recommendations do not have the support of the Government of the Dominican Republic as they are based on false premises and there is no reflection in them of the spirit of cooperation and respect that underpins this exercise.

98.45 The country rejects this recommendation, because there are various bodies within its organizational structure with responsibility for overseeing, inspecting, monitoring, investigating and taking receipt of complaints concerning what are described as abusive acts committed by members of the Dominican police and the Ministry of Defence in the discharge of their duties.

99.89 This recommendation is rejected as there is no forced labour of women in the country in sugar cane plantations or elsewhere.

99.89 The recommendation relating to access to landownership for woman is rejected because Act No. 55-97 on agrarian reform provides for the distribution of land to women.

9. With regard to education, at the national level there is no disparity in access to education between rural and urban areas. The general trend is towards gender parity, and girls and women outnumber boys and men in middle and higher education.
