

## ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO EL SALVADOR

### **CZECH REPUBLIC**

- What measures have been adopted to fight violence against women, including in the area of prevention, investigation of attacks and punishment of perpetrators?
- What national programs and tools have been introduced to protect human rights of women and girls in the area of sexual and reproductive health, e.g. awareness-raising campaigns, prevention programs, information, counselling etc.?
- Does the Government of El Salvador consider adoption of less restrictive laws which would allow abortion at least in exceptional cases when it could save woman's life? What measures have been adopted to protect lives and health of women and girls in high-risk pregnancies?
- The high number of child workers has persisted since the last UPR process. Thus, we would like to learn about concrete measures of the Government of El Salvador to bring to an end child labour, in particular labour of children working in dangerous environment.
- What actions has the Government taken to prevent violence against children, especially gang-related violence?

### **GERMANY**

- In 2010, Germany recommended that El Salvador adopts efficient measures to stop child labor, especially in cases where children work in a hazardous environment. In this context, the German delegation would be interested to learn about measures so far taken by the Government to eliminate worst forms of child labor by 2015 and all forms of child labor by 2020?
- The criminalization of abortion causes high risks for women, in particular medical risks. In this context, we would like to ask the Government of El Salvador about measures taken to encourage and ensure the access to health services, sexual and reproductive health services in particular for women and girls?
- Germany is concerned about the alarming state of the prison system in El Salvador. Germany would like to know which measures have been taken by the Government to improve the conditions of detention and reduce overcrowding?
- Although legal steps to promote equality and non-discrimination based on gender-identity have been taken by the Government of El Salvador, discrimination against LGBTI

persons remains widespread. Germany is interested in concrete measures and steps that have been taken by the Government to ensure the protection of transgender persons, in particular during detention and arrest?

## **LICHTENSTEIN**

- Liechtenstein recalls that, during the first cycle of the UPR, El Salvador accepted the recommendation from six States to ratify the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. We welcome recent progress towards ratification and underscore the desirability of ratifying the Rome Statute in its 2010 version.
- What progress has El Salvador made towards the ratification of the Rome Statute, in its 2010 version, and when does El Salvador expect to accede?

## **NETHERLANDS**

- What measures does the government of El Salvador take to implement comprehensive and effective strategies to deal with offences of sexual violence against women?
- What measures has the government of El Salvador taken to implement the recommendations it accepted at the first UPR to amend its legislation on abortion and suspend the prosecution of women for the offence of abortion?
- What financial measures does the Government of El Salvador take to support implementation of the legal framework already in place in the area of women's, children's and adolescents' rights?
- What measures does the government of El Salvador take to fully implement the recommendations on Human Rights Defenders, which it has accepted at the time of its last UPR?
- What efforts does the Government of El Salvador undertake to protect LGBT persons against discrimination and violence and ensure that acts of violence and hate crime against LGBT persons are properly investigated?

## **NORWAY**

- How did the Government of El Salvador involve independent civil society and human rights groups and organizations in the preparation of the national report for the second UPR?
- What specific steps are taken by the Salvadoran State regarding the revision of the General Amnesty Law, to implement the rulings from the Inter-American Court of Human Rights in the Case of the Massacres of El Mozote and nearby places v. El Salvador?
- What measures is the Salvadoran State taking to protect human rights defenders and to enable them to carry out their work in safe and secure conditions?
- What measures has the Salvadoran State taken to prevent gender-based violence and combat impunity and the lack of access to justice for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault?
- Will the Salvadoran State consider de-penalizing abortion for women when pregnancy endanger the mother's health or life, or in cases of rape?
- While the Salvadoran state has made important advances to reduce discrimination against the LGBTI community, there are reports of continued discrimination and abusive treatment of trans people in the penitentiary system. What steps are made to improve systems of protection against violence for the LGBTI community? Will the Salvadoran government consider criminalization of hate crimes against LGBT people?

## **SWEDEN**

- Will El Salvador consider de-criminalizing abortion, in order to guarantee the fundamental rights to the health and lives of women?
- Could the Government of El Salvador inform about the actions taken to reduce maternal mortality caused by unsafe abortions?
- Sweden recognizes that the government of the past FMLN-administration was the first to acknowledge and apologize for the active role of the government in repressing, disappearing, and massacring civilians during the internal armed conflict in El Salvador 1979-1992. Sweden would like to ask whether the current government is considering initiating a discussion on derogating the 1993 Amnesty law, in order to assure the victims' rights to truth, justice, reparations and guarantees of non-recurrence?

- Sweden notes that there are ongoing discussions in El Salvador about a ratification of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, which Sweden welcomes. What is the timeframe for this process?

## **UNITED KINGDOM**

- How does El Salvador protect the legacy records of human rights violations from the period of civil war; and more widely build transparency, accountability and equality within its judicial system?
- What is the government doing to ensure implementation of laws protecting minors against sexual abuse/rape and unwanted pregnancies?
- How has El Salvador implemented the recommendations from its last Universal Periodic Review on reducing the duration of preventive detention, improving prison conditions and reducing overcrowding?
- How is the Government promoting women's rights among the men of El Salvador; challenging their attitudes and actions?
- What is El Salvador's strategy to protect the human rights of the most vulnerable children from migrant, orphaned and/or abused backgrounds; including those who live in poor and violent gang areas, or those living on the street?