

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO DOMINICA-Add.1

ARGENTINA

Derechos de los niños.

- La Argentina observa con beneplácito la ratificación de Dominica de la Convención sobre derechos del niño. Sin embargo, observa con preocupación la situación de los niños respecto de los castigos corporales, la falta de tribunales de menores, y la edad mínima de los menores para acceder al empleo. En tal sentido:
¿Qué medidas piensa adoptar a fin de adecuar la legislación interna a los estándares internacionales incorporados en la citada Convención?

Reconocimiento y protección de los pueblos indígenas.

- ¿Qué planes de acción ha adoptado o considera adoptar Dominica a fin de asegurar el acceso efectivo de los derechos sociales, económicos y culturales a las poblaciones indígenas?

Derechos de la mujer.

- La Argentina agradecería preguntar cuál es el marco normativo e institucional vigente en Dominica tendiente a la eliminación de todo tipo de violencia contra la mujer.
- En 2009 el CEDAW solicitó la difusión de la Convención entre el pueblo de Dominica para promover su implementación efectiva. ¿Qué medidas ha tomado o considera tomar Dominica al respecto?
- En 2009, CEDAW sugirió a Dominica buscar la asistencia técnica y cooperación de las agencias de Naciones Unidas a fin de cumplir con la obligación de remitir informes periódicos a dichos organismo. Al respecto, se desea preguntar qué programas y actividades de capacitación se están desarrollando o se están organizando en el marco de esa cooperación.

CZECH REPUBLIC

- Has the Government of Dominica considered issuing a standing invitation to the Special Procedures of the Human Rights Council?
- Does the Government of Dominica intend to accede to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and the Optional Protocol thereto?
- What measures is the Government of Dominica preparing or has already adopted to strengthen its national legislation and mechanisms to effectively implement its obligations from international human rights treaties it is a party to, e.g. to protect the right to privacy and non-discrimination as stemming from i.a. International covenant on Civil and Political Rights?
- What measures are in place to fight discrimination against children with disabilities and Carib-Indian children?

DENMARK

- What is being done to improve the respect for the rights of children in Dominica – e.g. in relation to sexual abuse and corporal punishment?

LATVIA

- According to the information by the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, 66 countries from different regions of the world have issued standing invitations to all special procedures of the Human Rights Council.
- While no requests have been made by special procedures mandate holders to visit Dominica – would your country consider extending a standing invitation to all special procedures of the Human Rights Council in the future?

SWEDEN

- In its resolutions 62/149 of 18 December 2007 and 63/168 of 18 December 2008, the General Assembly called on states to establish a moratorium on executions with a view to abolishing the death penalty. Dominica retains the death penalty in the national legislation but has applied a de facto moratorium since 1986. Could the Government of Dominica elaborate on the status of the death penalty, including on whether it has any plans to abolish the death penalty?
- The Dominican Sexual Offences Act criminalizes consensual sexual activity between persons of the same sex. These sexual acts are punishable by between five and twenty-five years of imprisonment. For certain sexual acts, psychiatric hospital treatment is prescribed. Reports indicate that social discrimination against homosexuals is a common occurrence
- Are there any initiatives by the Government of Dominica to repeal or amend the law that forbids sexual activity among persons of the same sex? What measures is the Government of Dominica taking to promote tolerance and non-discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation or identity in line with the Yogyakarta Principles?
