

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO THE PLURINATIONAL STATE OF BOLIVIA (FIRST BATCH)

PORTUGAL on behalf of the Group of Friends on NMIRF's

- Could the State-under-review describe its national mechanism or process responsible for coordinating the implementation of accepted UPR recommendations and the monitoring of progress and impact?
- Has the State-under-review established a dedicated 'national mechanism for implementation, reporting and follow-up' (NMIRF) covering UPR recommendations, but also recommendations/observations generated by the UN human rights Treaty Bodies, the Special Procedures and relevant regional mechanisms, which, *inter alia*, clusters all the above, manages them in national databases, coordinates implementation actions across government, monitors progress and impact, and then streamline reporting procedures back to the UN? If so, could the State-under-review briefly share its experience on creating such mechanism, including challenges faced and lessons learnt, as well as any plans or needs to strengthen the NMIRF in the future?

UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND

- How will the Government of Bolivia ensure progress in addressing violence against women, including tackling the causes of femicide?
- What is the Government doing to reduce prison overcrowding and to alleviate the use of extended pre-trial detention?
- What is the Government of Bolivia doing to ensure that the rights and roles of human rights defenders, journalists and persons working for NGOs or civil society organisations are not restricted or impeded?
- What steps is the Government taking to strengthen the judicial system and ensure its independence?
- What is the Government of Bolivia doing to design evidence-based policies focused on ensuring the rights of persons of diverse sexual orientation and gender identity, especially in rural areas and indigenous communities?

SWEDEN

- What actions has the Government of Bolivia taken to further the division of power within the state and to develop the capacities and independence of the judiciary and legislative with regards to the executive?
- What actions does the Bolivian government take to ensure the full implementation of recent reforms and decisions relating to the rights of the child, the right to sexual and

reproductive health (The National Strategic Plan on Sexual and Reproductive Health) and the rights of sexual minorities (“Law against Racism and all Form of Discrimination” from 2010)?

- Sweden welcomes reforms in the area of prevention of gender-based violence in Bolivia. What further actions are planned to ensure that the right to life effectively applies equally to men and women?

URUGUAY

- En el pasado ciclo del EPU, el Estado Plurinacional de Bolivia aceptó la recomendación realizada por Uruguay relativa a la revisión de su legislación penal que criminaliza a las mujeres y a las niñas en casos de aborto, así como a los médicos que los practican. Uruguay agradecería conocer que pasos se han dado o se planean dar en el futuro cercano en el país para la efectiva implementación de tal recomendación.

GERMANY

- What specific plans and resources are available to assist indigenous people severely affected by exploitation of natural resources in the cases of Jach´a Marka Tapacarí Condor Apacheta, Choquecota Marka del Suyu Jacha´a Carangas, Marca Quila Quila, Takana II and Takovo Moro II?
- What protection measures have been adopted in order to guarantee the safety of NGOs that criticize governmental public policies?
- Are there any plans to introduce comprehensive legislation on pollution caused by heavy metals since the levels of mercury emissions from mining activities are increasing?
- How will the Government of Bolivia guarantee women better access to government services, particularly in rural areas? What further measures are taken by the Bolivian government to improve women`s education on their rights?
- What specific measures will the Government of Bolivia take to reduce discrimination against LGBTIs, indigenous peoples and other minorities? How is the Bolivian Government dealing with widespread impunity in cases of violence against these minorities?