

## **ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO ECUADOR – ADDENDUM 1**

### **CANADA**

The prison situation is of concern, with prisons currently at more than double overcapacity, and poor conditions. Further, delays in the legal system are a concern.

*What measures is the government taking to address these concerns?*

Ecuador has been generous in accommodating Colombian refugees and dealing with spillover consequences from Colombia's internal conflict, but Ecuadorian capacity to absorb this may be reaching its limit.

*How will the government address this problem?*

Reports suggest aboriginal groups may have poorer access to education, and instances may have occurred where aboriginal territory has been violated to access natural resource wealth.

*What measures are being taken to ensure the full enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms without discrimination by indigenous people, including access to education and property rights?*

### **DENMARK**

- The Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination has pointed out that discrimination against indigenous peoples is still ongoing in Ecuador despite constitutional guarantees. What steps does the Ecuadorian Government intend to take to improve the situation for indigenous peoples in Ecuador and improve the security situation of human rights defenders working to defend the rights of indigenous peoples?
- What measures does the Ecuadorian Government intend to take to improve the situation of women in Ecuador, including the protection of their right to take free and responsible decisions on sexual life and on reproductive health issues ?

### **FINLAND**

- We acknowledge that the Government of Ecuador has made commitments to protect children from violence, including by implementing the Childhood and Adolescence Code (2003) which, inter alia, prohibits the use of corporal punishment in schools and in the penal system<sup>1</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> The concluding observations adopted by the Committee on the Rights of the Child (CRC/C/15/Add.262, paragraphs 4, 12, 37, 47 and 71) and the national report for the universal periodic review submitted by the Government of Ecuador, paragraph 101.

- With regard to the United Nations study on violence against children<sup>2</sup>, which states that "no violence against children is justifiable; all violence against children is preventable", we would appreciate to receive further information on legislative, administrative and other measures taken to implement the Study's overarching and setting-specific recommendations in Ecuador. In particular, we would greatly appreciate if the Government of Ecuador could share with us good practices to prevent and respond to violence against children.

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<sup>2</sup> Report of the independent expert for the United Nations study on violence against children (A/61/299).