

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO COSTA RICA

GERMANY

- In 2005 CRC was concerned at the limited access of children of migrant and indigenous children to basic education and health services. Germany would be interested to receive information on the policies implemented by Government of Costa Rica to improve the situation of children of migrants and of indigenous origin with regard to access to basic education and health services.

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- Please could you confirm if you have a national human rights institution in Costa Rica and if it is in compliance with the Paris principles?
- Could you please elaborate further on the role civil society in Costa Rica played in the preparation of your national report for this process?
- The UK welcomes the intention (agreed at the Durban Review Conference) to design and implement an Action Plan to combat racism and racial discrimination in Costa Rica. We would be interested to hear what progress has been made on this to date?
- We would appreciate information on steps taken by the Government to combat discrimination towards migrants and indigenous people?
- We understand that one year after a law penalising violence against women was passed, the two most important articles of it, in terms of protecting women from actual violations, were brought before the Constitutional Tribunal and annulled. Please could you expand on any steps the government is taking to address the concerns raised by this action, and to ensure that the protection of women from violence, cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment and sexual exploitation will be backed up by accessible and enforceable legislation? In particular, we would appreciate information on what steps are taken to ensure women have all the information they need about permitted abortions.
- We would welcome information on plans that are in place to ensure that disabled people, including blind and partially sighted people, are able to fully participate in the Presidential elections of 2010?
- Whilst noting that Costa Rica has over 80% of children in secondary education, we would be interested to hear your views on what more could be done to tackle the risks of children suffering sexual and labour exploitation?
- Please could you tell us the Costa Rican Government's position on the equal rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals, and what steps you might take to tackle incidences of violence against these groups and promote further inclusion?
