

## **ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO DOMINICA**

### **GERMANY**

- Concerns have been expressed regarding the principle of non-discrimination, particularly with a view to vulnerable groups. In 2004, the CRC was concerned that societal discrimination persists against vulnerable groups of children, including children with disabilities and Carib Indian children (para. 12 of the OHCHR compilation A/HRC/WG.6/6/DMA/2, referring to CRC/C/15/Add. 238, paras.21-22).Germany would like to ask how Dominica has responded to its recommendations to increase efforts to ensure the implementation of existing laws guaranteeing the principle of non-discrimination and to adopt a proactive and comprehensive strategy to eliminate discrimination on any grounds and against all vulnerable groups.
- The issue of the administration of justice and the rule of law in relation to under-age persons has given cause for concern. In 2004, CRC was concerned at the lack of juvenile courts and at the fact that children may be sentenced to a penalty at the “President’s pleasure”, to life imprisonment and to whipping in private (para. 20 of the OHCHR compilation A/HRC/WG.6/6/DMA/2, referring to CRC/C/15/Add. 238, para. 29). How has Dominica followed up on the recommendations of CRC to review the sentencing of children at the “President’s pleasure” so that the decision is in the hands of the judge and to abolish the sentences of whipping and life imprisonment?

### **UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND**

- Could you please elaborate further on the role civil society in Dominica played in the preparation of your national report for this process?
- Could you please tell us if Dominica has a national human rights institution and if it is in compliance with the Paris principles?
- We would be grateful for information on developments to ensure that all children are registered at birth
- Could the State expand upon what progress has been made to ensure full implementation of the Domestic Violence Act especially on provisions covering violence against children?
- What steps has the Government taken to ensure full implementation of the Juvenile Justice standards especially the provision of juvenile courts?
- We would appreciate information on steps taken by Dominica to reduce poverty in the minority Carib Indian community? Do poverty reduction strategies incorporate a human rights based approach?
- What progress has been made in documenting the movement of migrants arriving and transiting through Dominica?

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