

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO DOMINICAN REPUBLIC-Add.2

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- How The Dominican Republic has signed CAT. When does it foresee its ratification?
- We welcome the Dominican Republic's positive response to requests for invitations of mandate holders, as is written in the National Report. Would the Government agree to the a visit of the Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions, which was requested in 2008?
- The police force introduced a zero tolerance policy on human rights abuses and violations. A number of cases of human rights abuses by police officers are investigated by the Internal Affairs Unit. Furthermore the Government provides skills training and human rights instructions to members of the police corps. What other measures has the Government undertaken for the prevention of human rights abuses by public officials?
- SNU-RD reported that gender based violence is the fourth most important cause of death of Dominican women of reproductive age. In 2004 CEDAW recommended the provision of training to law enforcement officers, court officials, judges, journalists and health personnel in order to change attitudes towards violence against women. Does the Government provide such trainings? What other measures are undertaken in order to change attitudes that cause gender-based violence?
