

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA- ADD.2

ARGENTINA

Derechos de los niños.

- ¿Cuáles han sido las medidas adoptadas por el Estado de Bosnia con la finalidad de posibilitar el acceso a la educación de los niños que pertenecen a minorías étnicas, garantizando la enseñanza de su idioma, la lectura y el conocimiento de la historia de su pueblo?

Derechos de la mujer.

- En la evaluación común para el país de 2008 se señaló que si bien la discriminación basada en el género permeaba toda la sociedad, había tres motivos de especial preocupación, a saber: la exclusión de los procesos políticos, el acceso al empleo y al mercado de trabajo, y la violencia de género.
La Argentina desea preguntar qué medidas se han tomado respecto de la participación política de las mujeres y su inserción en el mercado laboral.
- La violencia familiar y la trata de personas son las dos grandes amenazas que afectan la integridad física y desenvolvimiento de la mujer en la sociedad bosnia. Respecto a la primera problemática, la delegación argentina desea preguntar: ¿Qué medidas en la órbita judicial y policial se han aplicado tendientes a garantizar la protección de las mujeres en situación de violencia familiar, del mismo modo que la punición de los culpables? En lo atinente a la situación de trata de personas, la delegación argentina desea preguntar qué medidas están siendo aplicadas para evitar la participación ilícita de elementos de la Policía en el tráfico de personas.

Protección de Minorías

- Conforme las recomendaciones de numerosas organizaciones y ONGs, ¿Cuáles han sido las medidas aplicadas tendientes a garantizar el acceso a los miembros de la etnia romaní a documentos de nacionalidad bosnia con objetivo de poder acceder a los servicios de salud, educación, trabajo? Del mismo modo, la delegación argentina desea preguntar acerca de los progresos alcanzados con motivo de la aplicación del Plan de Acción sobre las Necesidades Educativas de los Romaníes y los Miembros de Otras Minorías Nacionales de Bosnia y Herzegovina.

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Rights of the children

- What have been the measures taken by Bosnia in order to provide access to education for children belonging to ethnic minorities, ensuring the teaching of their language, reading and knowledge of the history of their people?

Rights of women

- Argentina would like to ask what steps have been taken regarding the political participation of women and their integration into the labor market. Family violence and human trafficking are the two major threats that affect the physical and development of women in Bosnian society. Regarding the first issue, the delegation of Argentina would like to ask what judicial and police measures have been implemented aimed at guaranteeing the protection of women in situations of family violence? With regard to the situation of human trafficking, the delegation of Argentina would like to ask what measures are being implemented in order to prevent the unlawful participation of elements of the police.

Minorities

- What measures have been implemented aimed at ensuring the access to Bosnian citizenship documents to members of the Roma ethnic group in order to give them access to health services, education and work? Argentina also wishes to ask about the progress made in connection with the implementation of the Action Plan on the Educational Needs of Roma and Members of Other National Minorities in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

NETHERLANDS

- What guarantees can the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina give for safeguarding the independence of the judiciary, the status of the High Judicial and Prosecutorial Council as well as the Court and the Prosecutor's Office from threats and other external pressure?
- Does Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina intend to implement and safeguard the freedom of assembly and association for LGBT communities? Does it intend to effectively prosecute those who attack these groups and violate their rights and freedoms?
- What action has the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina foreseen for the implementation of the recent decision of the European Court of Human Rights in the Sejdic and Finci v. Bosnia case? How will the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina make sure that these actions will take effect before the elections in October 2010 so that eligibility for the Presidency and for the chairmanship of the Parliamentary Assembly is no longer confined to "constituent peoples" (Bosniaks, Serbs and Croats) but extended to all?
- What measures has the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina taken to ensure that the revision of the strategy for the implementation of Annex VII of the Dayton Peace Agreement will be adopted and implemented?

- It seems that in practice schools in Bosnia and Herzegovina are ethnically segregated. Is the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina aware of such segregation and does it intend to take measures to end segregation in schools? Could you elaborate on what such measures would entail and what the timeframe within which these measures would be implemented would be? Furthermore, could you indicate the share of the national budget which would be dedicated to these efforts?
- Does the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina intend to take measures in 2010 to ensure a the effective registration of Roma children and to thereby ensure their access to education? Could you indicate what such measures would entail?
- The media in Bosnia and Herzegovina often seem to be controlled by specific interests. Does the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina intend to take measures to ensure a diversified and independent media? How does the Government ensure that denunciations of intimidation or corruption are effectively dealt with?
