

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO NICARAGUA – ADD.1

CZECH REPUBLIC

- What measures have been taken to eliminate discrimination against women, in particular to ensure compliance of all relevant national legislation with legal framework of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW)?
- How is guaranteed full independence of the judiciary and what measures are being adopted to fight corruption?
- Is the Government of Nicaragua considering the possibility of providing exceptions to the general prohibition of abortion in national Criminal Code, primarily in cases of therapeutic abortion and pregnancy resulting from rape or incest?
- How are ensured human rights of persons deprived of liberty? What human rights education and training is available to police, prison and judiciary staff and how is ensured their accountability for any violations of human rights?
- What effective measures are being adopted to fight against high prevalence of rapes in Nicaragua? How is ensured and promoted effective prevention of these cases, investigation and prosecution of all perpetrators and what tools are available to victims of this violence in terms of rehabilitation and compensation?

GERMANY

- OHCHR's compilation reflects concerns that had been raised by various treaty bodies (CAT, CEDAW, the Human Rights Committee and the CESCR) and by stakeholders with regard to the general prohibition of abortion as stipulated in the Criminal Code, even in cases of rape, incest or apparently life-threatening pregnancies (OHCHR compilation art. 21). Germany would like to know if the government of Nicaragua is considering the possibility to provide exceptions to this general rule in cases of therapeutic abortion and pregnancies resulting from rape or incest.
- OHCHR's compilation reflects concerns that have been raised by treaty bodies and stakeholders at the lack of freedom of peaceful assembly. There are reports about pro government gangs attacking peaceful demonstrators with clubs, stones, mortars and machetes without the National Police intervening to stop these perpetrators or to investigate or arrest them. (compilation art. 42 + summary art. 29) Germany would like to learn more about plans of the government to actively protect the right to freedom of assembly.

NETHERLANDS

- Considering the limited availability of funds, how does the Government of Nicaragua intend to strengthen the institutions which were created to guarantee the implementation of international human rights norms in international agreements?
- How can the Government guarantee the right of civil society organisations to freely express their opinion on government policy? To what extent does the Government consider civil society organisations valuable allies in relation to the economic, social, and political challenges which Nicaragua faces, irrespective of their political opinions?
- What are the criteria for the use of the government budget for Information purposes in view of some allegations that this budget is used to support media which are affiliated with the government and to undermine critical media? How does the Government ensure the full implementation of the Law related to Access to Information?
- Would the Government of Nicaragua consider the introduction of laws that ensure the rights of women and girls in situations when their life is endangered as a result of pregnancy and in which termination of the pregnancy could save their life?
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- 5. Specialised UN-Committees, like the CEDAW, have identified omissions in family law. What progress has the Government of Nicaragua made in the development of Nicaraguan family law? Which measures have been taken to prevent impunity and revictimization in relation to sexual abuse of children?
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- 6. What measures has the Government taken to prevent the violation of civil and political rights during the election process? Furthermore, what measures has the Government taken to enhance transparency of the use of Venezuelan funding and to prevent corruption? What measures has the Government taken to increase the independence of the judicial powers?
