

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO BRUNEI DARUSSALAM-Add.1

ARGENTINA

Igualdad de oportunidades entre hombres y mujeres.

- La Argentina observa con beneplácito el incremento de las mujeres en el acceso al mercado de trabajo profesional, técnico, de dirección empresarial y en la administración.

Sin embargo, de conformidad con el Informe de 2008 del Relator Especial sobre Libertad de Religión se desea preguntar a Brunei que medidas concretas evalúa el Estado adoptar a fin de reducir la discriminación que enfrentan las mujeres en la aplicación de leyes religiosas en especial en materia de matrimonio, divorcio, herencia, custodia de los niños y transmisión de la ciudadanía.

Derechos de los niños.

- Brunei ha ratificado la Convención sobre Derechos del Niño, sin embargo la Argentina desea preguntar al Estado de Brunei que medidas concretas adoptará el Estado a fin de adecuar su legislación interna a los compromisos internacionales asumidos en materia de prohibición de toda forma de violencia física y psíquica, incluyendo castigos corporales y abusos sexuales de niños en sus familias o instituciones.

Migrantes.

- Brunei recibe un importante flujo de trabajadores migrantes de otros países que integran su estructura productiva. En este sentido, la Argentina, conforme señalan diversas ONGs¹, observan con preocupación que aquellos migrantes que exceden el plazo de vencimiento de sus visas son detenidos regularmente, además de los trabajadores migrantes indocumentados. En tal sentido, desea preguntar qué medidas evalúa el Estado adoptar a fin de adecuar su legislación interna - que criminaliza a los trabajadores migrantes- con los estándares internacionales sobre derechos humanos en la materia.

CZECH REPUBLIC

- Does the Government of Brunei Darussalam intend to accede to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and to the Optional Protocol, to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women?
- Has the Government of Brunei Darussalam considered issuing a standing invitation to the Special Procedures of the Human Rights Council?
- How is guaranteed in national legislation and practise implementation of its international obligations from human rights treaties? Has the Government reviewed compliance with relevant articles of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights of the following:

¹ Amnesty Internacional. A/HRC/WG.6/6/BRN/3 pto. 8

- a) provisions criminalizing some forms of consensual sexual activity between adults with regard to the right to privacy and non-discrimination;
- b) provisions of the Newspapers Act with regard to the freedom of expression
- c) provisions of Brunei Nationality Act with regard to non-discrimination of children from mixed marriages in their access to citizenship
- Has the Government of Brunei Darussalam considered prohibition of corporal punishment in accordance with the recommendation of the Committee on the Rights of the Child?

LATVIA

- According to the information by the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, 66 countries from different regions of the world have issued standing invitations to all special procedures of the Human Rights Council. While no requests have been made by special procedures mandate holders to visit Brunei Darussalam – would your country consider extending a standing invitation to all special procedures of the Human Rights Council in the future?

UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND

- Please could you elaborate on the role civil society played in the preparation of your national report?
- Could you tell us whether Brunei is considering establishing a national human rights institution (compliant with the Paris Principles)?
- We would be grateful for information as to the Government of Brunei's intentions regarding signature and/or ratification of the main international human rights instruments, including the ICCPR, CAT, ICERD and the ICESCR? How does Brunei intend to develop co-operation with UN human rights mechanisms?
- Could you tell us what scope there is to lift the state of emergency?
- Could you tell us when the Legislative Council will be expanded to include directly elected members?
- We would be grateful for an update on whether and how Brunei will address the concerns about restrictions on freedom of religion expressed by the Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion or Belief, the Committee on the Rights of the Child and the Institute on Religion and Public Policy?
- We would be grateful to know whether Brunei is reconsidering its position on a moratorium on capital punishment with a view to abolition? We would also be grateful for any information on Brunei's consideration of reform to the use of corporal punishment in penal institutions.
