

Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women

REFERENCE: BN/follow-up/81/Dominican Republic/88

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Excellency,

In my capacity as Rapporteur on follow-up to concluding observations of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), I have the honor to refer to the examination of the eighth periodic report of the Dominican Republic, at the Committee's eighty-first session, held in February 2022. At the end of that session, the Committee's concluding observations ([CEDAW/C/DOM/CO/8](#)) were transmitted to your Permanent Mission. You may recall that in paragraph 54 on follow-up to the concluding observations, the Committee requested the Dominican Republic to provide, within two years, written information on the steps taken to implement the recommendations contained in paragraphs 12, 22 (a) and (c), and 30 (d) of the concluding observations, namely:

“12. The Committee recommends that the State party suspend immediately the deportations of pregnant or postpartum Haitian women and women of Haitian origin, ensure their protection from gender-based violence and discrimination and issue permanent residence permits to Haitian women whose children were born and raised in the State party, so as to uphold their right to family life in accordance with international conventions and standards.”

“22. In line with its general recommendation No. 35 (2017) on gender-based violence against women updating general recommendation No 19 (1992), and with the recommendations contained in its previous concluding observations (CEDAW/C/DOM/CO/6-7, para. 25), the Committee urges the State party to:

(a) Adopt a comprehensive law on gender-based violence against women that provides for risk assessments for victims, protection orders and adequate sanctions for non-compliance, effective reparations and adequately funded and accessible victim support services;

(c) Adopt gender-responsive protocols to unify procedures for reporting cases of gender-based violence against women and create a database to compile and periodically update data on such violence;”

“30. The Committee recommends that the State party:

(d) Remove all barriers, in law and in practice, to registering descendants of Dominican men and women who are non-nationals or affected by Constitutional Court ruling No. 168-13, in the ordinary birth register for Dominicans, and ensure that they have access to the Dominican nationality regardless of the nationality or migration status of the mother;”

Although the information sought by the Committee was due in February 2024, it has not been received to date. Accordingly, I would be grateful for clarification as to the current status of your Government's response on the matters.

The Committee looks forward to pursuing the constructive dialogue it has started with the authorities of the Dominican Republic on the implementation of the Convention. In this context, the Committee seeks to receive your response to this reminder within one month of the date of this correspondence.

Please note that this response should be precise and should not exceed a maximum length of **3,500 words**, including footnotes. You may attach a limited number of annexes containing statistical data only which are not counted for the word limit. Please also send a **Word electronic version** of the information requested to the Secretariat of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women by email to ohchr-cedaw@un.org.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,



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