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Excelencia,

En calidad de Relatora Especial para el Seguimiento de las Observaciones Finales del Comité de Derechos Humanos, tengo el honor de referirme al examen del quinto informe periódico de la República Dominicana con ocasión del 104° período de sesiones, realizado en marzo del 2012.

Como recordará, en el párrafo 27 de las observaciones finales, el Comité solicitó que el Estado parte proporcionara dentro del plazo de un año la información pertinente sobre el cumplimiento de las recomendaciones del Comité contenidas en los párrafos 8, 11 y 22 de las observaciones finales.

El 24 de agosto de 2015, su Misión Permanente envió una respuesta de seguimiento al Comité. Esta respuesta fue analizada por el Comité con ocasión de su 116º periodo de sesiones. El Comité tomó las siguientes decisiones (decisiones disponibles solamente en inglés):

- Párrafo 8: "[C2]: The Committee notes the information provided by the State party, but requires information on the measures taken, after the adoption of the Concluding Observations on Dominican Republic on 27 March 2012, to provide recognized means of identification to asylum-seekers and to refugees. Concrete information is required on the number of identifications issued to asylum-seekers and refugees since that date in order to protect them from unwarranted deportation and ensure their access to social and economic opportunities".
- Párrafo 11: "(a)[C1]: With respect to efforts to eliminate violence against women and to ensure that cases are investigated, prosecuted and penalized, and that rehabilitation is provided to victims, the Committee notes the extensive information provided by the State party, including data on the decrease on the number of femicide from 2011 to 2013, but requires information on the measures taken after the adoption of the Concluding Observations on Dominican Republic on 27 March 2012.

Excelencia Sr. Homero Luís Hernández Sánchez Embajador Representante Permanente Fax: 022 741 05 90 (b)[B2]: The Committee notes the establishment of the 911 number and the hotline and requests further information on the number of spaces in shelters or residences available in the State party, if they are sufficient to cover the demand and if they are provided with adequate human and material resources. The Committee also requires information on measures taken after the adoption of the Concluding Observations on Dominican Republic on 27 March 2012, to increase the number of shelters or residences and provide them with adequate human and material resources.

(c)[B2]: With respect to trainings on violence against women and the establishment of a reporting system and a database, the Committee notes the information provided on trainings carried out before 2012 and the initiative to establish the National Statistics System on Gender Violence. The Committee requires information on trainings with regard to violence against women for the staff of legal institutions and the police force, carried out after the adoption of the Concluding Observations on Dominican Republic on 27 March 2012 and the progress on the establishment of the National Statistics System".

Párrafo 22: "[B2]: The Committee regrets the Constitutional Court's judgement 168-13 issued in 2013, which rendered stateless several generations of Dominicans of foreign descent. It welcomes the improvements introduced by Act 169/14 that allowed recognition of citizenship for those born in the territory to foreign parents in irregular status whose birth was registered between 1929 and 2007. The State party should clarify to what extent Act 169/14 does not fully remedy the negative consequences of the Constitutional Court's judgement 168-13. The Committee also requires information on the number of applications received in this respect and the results of the applications, including the measures taken to ensure that all persons who qualify and apply for identity documents receive them.

[B2]: With respect to Act169/14, the Committee also requires information on:

- (i) the criteria for granting identity documents to adults who have not been granted birth certificates under article 3 of Act 169/14;
- (ii) the criteria for granting naturalization to those who were not registered between 1929-2007;
- (iii) measures taken to address the situation of irregular migrants who were registered during the 1929-2007 period; and
- (iv) measures taken to address the situation of persons who were unable to or prevented from registering their birth during the 1929-2007 period and have been rendered stateless.

[D1]: No response has been received with respect to the possibility of acceding to the Convention Relating to the Status of Stateless Persons and the Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness, and to adopt the necessary legislative and administrative measures to fully bring its laws and procedures in line with those norms. The Committee reiterates its recommendation".

Teniendo en cuenta que el próximo informe periódico de la Republica Dominicana debería haber sido presentado el 30 de marzo de 2016, el Comité considera que el procedimiento de seguimiento ha llegado a su fin. El Comité solicita que el Estado parte incluya la información solicitada en la presente nota en su sexto informe periódico.

El Comité confia en poder mantener su diálogo constructivo con las autoridades de la República Dominicana sobre la aplicación del Pacto.

Acepte, Excelencia, la expresión de mi más distinguida consideración.

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