

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO BRAZIL – ADDENDUM 2

FINLAND

We acknowledge that the Government of Brazil has made commitments to protect children from violence, including by launching, in 2007, the Child and Teenager Social Plan which includes actions in strategic areas to fight against violence¹.

With regard to the United Nations study on violence against children², which states that "no violence against children is justifiable; all violence against children is preventable", we would appreciate to receive further information on legislative, administrative and other measures taken to implement the Study's overarching and setting-specific recommendations in Brazil. In particular, we would greatly appreciate if the Government of Brazil could share with us good practices to prevent and respond to violence against children³.

NETHERLANDS

The constitution has been changed on 1 January 2005 to take legal action against serious cases of human rights violations. Has this change in the constitution been translated into national law yet? Could you also elaborate on the progress made within national legislation to enable federal prosecution of serious human rights violations?

Could you share your views on how Brazil will pursue its policy of preventing and prosecuting torture cases and extra-judicial killings?

In the national report cases are mentioned where young female detainees were placed in prison cells with adults who have committed serious crimes. Has there been any legal action against those responsible of these kind of acts?

It is stated that the gross attendance rate to schools between the age of 7 and 14 is 97,4%. This is an impressive number, but at the same time many children only attend school for half a day or even less. Is it considered to increase the amount of school hours to ensure thorough education of all children and to prevent children from falling victim to being recruited by criminal gangs and other mischief?

¹ The national report for the universal periodic review submitted by the Government of Brazil, page 17.

² Report of the independent expert for the United Nations study on violence against children (A/61/299).

³ Report (which provides information on the dissemination of the United Nations study on violence against children and on progress made in the initial phase of follow-up to the study) of the independent expert for the United Nations study on violence against children (A/62/209, see paragraph 48 and footnotes 25, 44 and 48).