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- The rights of children of Nepalese ethnic origin have caused concern. CRC noted that Bhutan was undertaking efforts to improve the situation of vulnerable children, but remained inter alia concerned about the disparities in the enjoyment of rights experienced by children of Nepalese ethnic origin, particularly in relation to their right to a nationality, to education and to health services (para. 15 of the OHCHR compilation A/HRC/WG.6/6 BTN/2, referencing CRC/C/BTN/CO/2, para. 25). Germany would like to know, which measures is the government of Bhutan taking to address these issues?

- There have been worrying reports about an increasing issue with regards to the trafficking in women. CEDAW, while welcoming new measures to combat trafficking, expressed concerns at the growth of this phenomenon (para. 23 of the OHCHR compilation A/HRC/WG.6/6 BTN/2, referencing CEDAW/C/BTN/CO/7, para. 19). Which measures is the government of Bhutan undertaking in order to intensify its efforts to combat all forms of trafficking anto provide support to girls and women at risk?

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