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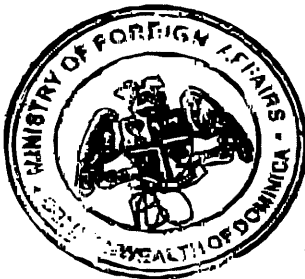
The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Commonwealth of Dominica presents its compliments to the Organization of American States and has the honour to refer to the latter's correspondence resolution AG/RES. 1712 (XXX-0/00), "Preparation of a Draft Inter-American Convention against Racism and All Forms of Discrimination and Intolerance."

The Ministry has the further honour to inform that the draft questionnaire in relation to the above-mentioned convention is submitted herewith.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Commonwealth of Dominica avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Organization of American States the assurances of its highest consideration.

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II. QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Does your government believe that the situation in the countries of the Hemisphere calls for the preparation of an inter-American convention to prevent, punish, and eradicate racism, racial discrimination, and intolerance? **yes**

2. If so, please indicate what items should be addressed by such a draft convention. Some examples are:
 - Condemn the different forms of discrimination prohibited by Article 3.1 of the Charter of the OAS and the American Convention on Human Rights, in which the States undertake to respect the fundamental rights of the individual;
 - Promote the observance of these standards, which brook no discrimination for reasons of race, color, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, economic status, birth, or any other social condition;
 - Urge member states to enact national laws and policies in keeping with this Convention;
 - Other (please specify).

3. By checking one or more boxes below, list the principal forms of discrimination that should be prevented, punished, and eradicated by means of an inter-American instrument. The areas of concern to your country would relate to:
 - Discrimination for reasons of race, ethnic origin, gender, language (including dialect);
 - Discrimination regardless of migratory status;
 - Discrimination in access to work, health care, and education;
 - Discrimination for reasons of religion or creed;
 - Other (please specify). **Discrimination for reasons of political affiliation.**

4. Should the Convention include one or more specific mechanisms to ensure compliance with the standards established therein? **Requirement that member States undertake to enact national legislation for implementation of provisions of the Convention.**

5. Do you consider that the standards currently in force, nationally and at the international level, already cover the above-mentioned categories? If so, do you think there is any need for an enforcement mechanism? **NO.**