

Minister of Labour  
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JORDAN

Dear Minister,

I am concerned at the human rights violations which women migrant domestic workers frequently suffer in Jordan. That is why I ask you to ensure that ongoing legislative amendments guarantee labour rights to migrant domestic workers in line with international human rights standards.

I also urge you to immediately establish government-funded shelters for domestic workers fleeing abuse and exploitation.

Please ensure that speedier and more efficient resolution mechanisms are developed to stop migrant domestic workers from being detained or prevented from leaving Jordan on account of their employer's failure to maintain appropriate work and residency permits.

Yours sincerely,

His Majesty King 'Abdullah Bin 'Abdul 'Aziz Al-Saud  
The Custodian of the two Holy Mosques  
Office of His Majesty the King  
Royal Court  
Riyadh  
KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA

Your Excellency,

I am writing to endorse Amnesty International's call to the Saudi Arabian government to declare a moratorium on executions. Such a moratorium would provide the opportunity for the authorities to study the issue of the death penalty and bring Saudi Arabia into line with the international community on this form of punishment.

Furthermore, I call on you to review the cases of all prisoners currently under sentences of death with the aim of commuting the sentences or offering them a retrial in accordance with the standards.

Finally, I urge you to declare null and void all verdicts imposing death sentences against persons who were under the age of 18 at the time of the crime and enact unequivocal laws prohibiting the use of the death penalty against such persons.

Yours sincerely,

Minister of Interior  
Prokopis Pavlopoulos  
Ministry of Interior  
Vas. Sofias 15  
10674 Athens  
GREECE

Dear Minister,

Allow me to draw your attention to trade union leader Konstantina Kouneva, who was attacked by two men on 22 December 2008 in Athens. The attack is allegedly connected with her trade union activities.

I call on you to arrange for this attack against Konstantina Kouneva to be investigated thoroughly and impartially by the police and to take immediate steps to bring the perpetrators to justice.

Ms. Kouneva has to receive restitution and adequate compensation.

Moreover, I ask you to do everything in your power to protect other human rights defenders and trade union members from similar attacks by fully implementing existing legislation on workers' rights.

Yours sincerely,

President S.E. Leonel Fernández  
Presidente de la República  
Palacio Nacional  
Santo Domingo  
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Dear President,

I am writing to you to express my concern at the apparent campaign to discredit Sonia Pierre. Sonia Pierre and her organization MUDHA provide an important contribution in protecting and promoting the rights of Haitian migrants and their descendants.

I call on you to implement the protection measures granted by the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, in strict accordance with her wishes.

I am deeply concerned at the discrimination and abuses faced by Haitian migrant workers and Dominicans of Haitian descent, and I urge for their human rights to be respected.

Yours sincerely,