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COSTA RICA: THE ROAD TO EQUALITY

VIDEO

OUTDOORS CELEBRATION /
DANCING

EPSY CAMPBELL SPEAKS TO
PRESS

PRESS CONFERENCE

CAMPBELL SPEAKS TO PEOPLE
IN STREETS

AUDIO

NARRATION:

Their culture is brimming with music...and with a rich history... (4")

...but Costa Ricans of African descent are facing racial discrimination and division...and struggling to find equality in their own country. (9")

And from within that group has emerged one woman...with a strong message...and a mission for her people. (7")

EPSY CAMPBELL: (Spanish) **F**

"The time has come to inspire the people. The time has come to open the doors that defeat fear, to grow, to create more participation by the people." (9")

NARRATION

Her name is Epsy Campbell and she's one of nearly seventy-five thousand black African descendants living in the Central American country of Costa Rica. (9")

CAMPBELL ON CAMERA

EPSY CAMPBELL: (English)

"I am part of a group who have to work centuries to be recognized as a human. I am part of a group who fight a lot to develop their country...and the country denied them." (20")

CAMPBELL SPEAKS AT
CONFERENCE

NARRATION

This denial she says is one reason she's taking a major step – seeking her party's nomination to run for President of the country in 2010. (9")

CAMPBELL ON CAMERA

EPSY CAMPBELL: (English)

"It's the most important opportunity in my life because my voice is not only my voice. It is the voice of the people that don't have any opportunity. I am not talking about me. I am talking about the life of million of people who need people like me in the first line." (25")

COSTA RICANS IN STREETS

NARRATION

Millions of people like her she says, throughout Latin America who suffer intolerance...feel invisible...excluded. (7.5")

CAMPBELL ON CAMERA

EPSY CAMPBELL: (English)

"If people see you as strange, that means discrimination and racism. If people make jokes about your or your family, that means discrimination. That kind of discrimination has an impact in the self-esteem of the people." (18")

GROUP OF PEOPLE RAISING
HANDS IN VOTE

NARRATION

One critical way forward she believes – more representation in government by minorities who've suffered discrimination ...and not just in Costa Rica. (9")

CAMPBELL ON CAMERA

EPSY CAMPBELL: (English)

"I think political arena as a new opportunity to/ take back the past of racism." (7)

LAURA WILSON AND CHILDREN

NARRATION

And helping in the struggle are people like Laura Wilson, a former housewife, who's using her position as a local municipal leader to teach children about their Afro-identity and to speak to the government about their needs. (14")

(Sound up Laura with kids)

WILSON ON CAMERA

LAURA WILSON: (English) F

"What we have to do is get together, call to our people, all go to our communities. We have to call the government; we have to sit down with each political party at the table. That's what we have to do, we have to get aggressive." (14")

KANG ON CAMERA

KYUNG-WHA KANG: (English) F

"The political process is the most important decision-making process of any society." (3.5")

KANG IN CONFERENCE	<p><u>NARRATION</u></p> <p>Kyung-wha Kang, UN Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights. (4”)</p>
KANG ON CAMERA	<p><u>KYUNG-WHA KANG</u> (English)</p> <p><i>“It makes laws; it makes policies that affect everybody. To have a part in that process is the first step toward claiming their right toward equal treatment in society.”</i> (8”)</p>
CHILDREN PLAYING / PEOPLE SOCIALIZING	<p><u>NARRATION</u></p> <p>And equal treatment is what the people in Costa Rica are striving for. And with more and more role models like Epsy Campbell that goal is slowly becoming a reality. (11”)</p>
CAMPBELL WITH PRESS	
CAMPBELL ON CAMERA	<p><u>EPSY CAMPBELL</u> (English)</p> <p><i>“We are facing a change in this country; we are working for a new society. This is the reason of my fight and this is the reason of my life.”</i> (11”)</p>
UN LOGO	<p><u>NARRATION</u></p> <p>This report was prepared by Andi Gitow for the United Nations.</p>