

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO THE NETHERLANDS

DENMARK

States are under an obligation not to transfer persons, including terrorist suspects, to another State, where there are substantial grounds for believing that there is a substantial risk of irreparable harm, in particular torture. How does the Government of the Netherlands intend to ensure that human rights will be respected by recipient countries in such cases? Is the use of diplomatic assurances envisaged?

FINLAND

- We acknowledge that the Government of the Netherlands has made commitments to protect children from violence, including by prohibiting the use of corporal punishment in all settings, including in the family.¹
- 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 the Netherlands. In particular, we would greatly appreciate if the Government of the Netherlands could share with us good practices to prevent and respond to violence against children³.

¹ 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 footnote 25), the national report for the universal periodic review submitted by the Government of the Netherlands, page 13 and the Summary prepared by OHCHR in accordance with paragraph 15 (c) of resolution 5/1 of the Human Rights Council (A/HRC/WG.6/1/NET/3, paragraph 19).

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 footnote 15).