

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO POLAND

DENMARK

- The use of lengthy pre-trial detention in Poland has been the subject of a number of rulings from the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg. What measures will the Polish Government take to improve the application of pre-trial detention?
- The Commissioner of Human Rights as well as human rights organisations point to problems with overcrowding of prisons in Poland. What measures will the Polish Government take to improve the conditions in the prisons?

FINLAND

- We acknowledge that the Government of Poland has made commitments to protect children from violence, including by implementing the National Program against Domestic Violence, adopted by the Council of Ministers in September 2006 and the European Union Daphne III programme to combat violence against children, young people and women as well as by carrying out a national campaign under the theme of “Childhood Under Protection”.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 Poland. In particular, we would greatly appreciate if the Government of Poland could share with us good practices to prevent and respond to violence against children³.

¹ Concluding comments adopted by the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW/C/POL/CO/6, paragraph 6) and the national report for the universal periodic review submitted by the Government of Poland, pages 12-13.

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 9).