ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO NEPAL ADD.1

FRANCE

- La France reste profondément préoccupée par la persistance de l'impunité dont jouissent les coupables présumés de nombreuses violations graves des droits de l'Homme perpétrées pendant et après le conflit. Le Népal entend-il prendre des mesures concrètes pour s'assurer que les violations des droits de l'Homme donnent lieu à des enquêtes efficaces et à des poursuites ?

- La France reste préoccupée par les difficultés liées à l'exercice des libertés d'expression, d'association et d'information au Népal, dont témoignent les nombreuses violations dont sont victimes les journalistes ainsi que les défenseurs des droits de l'Homme. Quelles mesures le gouvernement entend-il prendre afin que cessent les actes d'intimidation et de violence commis à leur encontre dans une totale impunité ?

NETHERLANDS

Impunity

- In light of the concerns expressed in paragraphs 37 and 38 of the OHCHR compilation as well as in paragraphs 32, 33, 35 and 36 of the stakeholder report on the prevailing climate of impunity for human rights violations committed during or after the conflict that led to a change in Government, what does the Government do to ensure that all outstanding allegations of human rights violations are investigated and that perpetrators of human rights violations are brought to justice in proceedings which meet with international standards?

- Furthermore, in light of the concerns raised by the UN Secretary-General and the High Commissioner, reiterated in paragraph 39 of the OHCHR compilation that the current draft legislation on the establishment of a commission of inquiry on disappearances and a truth and reconciliation commission fall short of international standards, what measures does the Government take to ensure that both commissions are set up as soon as possible and in line with international standards?

Discrimination and violence against women

- With reference to paragraphs 21 and 23 of the OHCHR report and paragraphs 12 and 14 of the stakeholder report on the persistence of violence and discrimination against women, and in light of the remarks in paragraph 8 and 10 of the OHCHR compilation that the National Women’s Commission faces serious challenges and is insufficiently resourced, can the Government elaborate on the measures it is taking to prevent and combat discrimination and violence against women?
Refugees

- With reference to paragraph 64 of the OHCHR report and paragraphs 76 and 77 of the stakeholder report which detail the high number of refugees still present in eastern Nepal and the challenges they face, can the Government elaborate on the measures it is taking to reach a durable solution for this problem?

SLOVENIA

- CESC expressed concern in 2007 that despite the efforts of Nepal to abolish the worst forms of child labor, the prevalence of child labor, including bounded labor, remained high. We would like to ask what concrete measures has the Government adopted to improve the situation?