

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO ROMANIA

DENMARK

- What actions is Romania taking to meet standards for prisons such as hot water, heating and providing sufficient nutrition and medical care for inmates?
- What can Romania do to enforce the rights of the Roma minority and to further the integration of this minority?
- UN Special Procedures, such as the Special Rapporteur on the Right to Health and the Special Rapporteur on the Sale of Children, and UN Treaty Monitoring Bodies, such as the Human Rights Committee, CEDAW and CRC, have all remarked upon the systematic discrimination faced by **Roma people** in Romania. What measures has the Government taken to ensure equal enjoyment of human rights by Roma people, with particular regard to allegations of police brutality and to the implementation of the Action Plan for the Decade of Roma Inclusion (2005-2015)?
- The Human Rights Committee and the Special Rapporteur on Torture have raised concerns about substandard living conditions and allegations of torture in **places of detention**, such as prisons and psychiatric hospitals. What steps has the Government taken to address these concerns and to ensure that detainees' rights are fully respected?
- In spite of an extensive framework on gender equality and non-discrimination, CEDAW has noted the inability of many **women** to effectively vindicate their human rights. In particular, the low representation of women in politics, their situation in the labour market and the lack of sufficient measures to tackle domestic violence have been highlighted. What measures has the Government taken to address these issues?
- The Special Rapporteur on the Right to Health has noted with concern the ineffective implementation of the right to **mental health** and the inadequate provision of mental health care in psychiatric institutions. What measures has the Government taken to ensure the full enjoyment of the right to mental health and the proper provision of mental health care?
- CRC and the Special Rapporteur on the Right to Health have raised concerns about the prevalence of **HIV/AIDS** in Romania, with particular regard to the incidence of HIV/AIDS among children, the lack of adequate treatment and discrimination of HIV/AIDS sufferers. What measures has the Government taken to address these concerns?
- CRC has expressed concern that **disabled children** remain disadvantaged in the enjoyment of their rights guaranteed by the Convention and UNICEF indicates that in addition to difficult physical access to health services and other public health services, many children with disabilities are also confronted with negative attitudes from health care staff and a high proportion

of children with disabilities have dropped out of school despite efforts to integrate them. What measures has the government taken to ensure the rights of children and young people with disabilities?

GERMANY

- With regard to paras. 6 - 9 of the OHCHR's compilation (A/HRC/WG.6/2/ROU/2) Germany notes the concerns expressed by several treaty bodies (CRC, CEDAW, HRC) and Special Rapporteurs on the situation of Roma, especially women and children. Which measures did Romania implement or does Romania intend to implement to combat discrimination against Roma and to ensure the full enjoyment of rights of Roma people in Romania?

IRELAND

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NETHERLANDS

- What does Romania see as its most urgent actions to tackle the problem of the lacking implementation of laws protecting human rights in general?
- Integration and countering discrimination of the Roma-minority is a major challenge for the Romanian government and society, especially in the field of education. It would be appreciated if Romania could define the measures to be taken in terms of capacity building, political willingness, coordination and awareness raising to meet this challenge.
- The situation of sexual minorities in Romania is problematic. Discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation is common. What measures does Romania envision in the upcoming period in order to counter discrimination?

SWEDEN

- The Romanian Helsinki Committee has expressed concern at the treatment of prisoners, including physical maltreatment, overcrowding, and access to education, where the Roma population is especially effected. Could the Romanian government elaborate on what further measures it is considering in improving the situation of persons in prisons and other forms of custody?
- The Romanian government has taken measures to stem the continued occurrence in Romania of trafficking in persons. The Coalition Against Trafficking in Women (CATW) argue that 5% of the children living in the streets in Romania are part of trafficking for prostitution. The International Organisation for Migration (IOM) estimates that as many as 20-30 000 women leave Romania annually as victims of trafficking. Could the government of Romania elaborate of what additional measures are foreseen to eliminate this problem?

UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND

- Could you please elaborate further on the extent to which civil society was involved in the preparation of your national report?

- Could you please elaborate further on the existence and status of a National Human Rights Institution in your country, and whether it complies fully with the Paris Principles?
- What concrete steps have been taken to prevent discrimination against Roma in education and housing, particularly in relation to enforcing Order 1540/19.07.2007?
- We applaud the recent Romanian response to the joint UK-Romanian initiative on the rights of disabled children, which was in line with UN Conventions on the Child and Disabled Persons. When might Romania be in a position to elaborate a national strategy?
- Given the unusually low percentage of persons with disabilities that has been given, can you confirm what is being done to ensure that all persons with disabilities are being identified and provided with the benefits that they are entitled to?
- Why is the lack of adequate Mental Health care not mentioned in your national report? This issue is raised in the Stakeholders report and also by various observers including the European Parliament as an issue of concern.
- Please can you confirm what action is being taken to reduce the high rates of abortion, particularly in teenage girls, and maternal mortality?