

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO CAPE VERDE- ADDENDUM

DENMARK

- Reliable reports indicate [widespread] use of torture and ill treatment. What further steps are you taking to prevent and eliminate torture? When do you intend to ratify OPCAT?

GERMANY

- The Federal Republic of Germany welcomes the continued commitment the Republic of Cape Verde to improve the justice sector and would be interested to know what measures, such as professional training of guards, segregation of youth from adults, or health care for inmates is the Republic of Cape Verde actually considering and undertaking?

LATVIA

- According to the information by the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, 63 countries from different regions of the world have issued standing invitations to all special procedures of the Human Rights Council. While no requests have been made by special procedures mandate holders to visit Cape Verde – would your country consider extending a standing invitation to all special procedures in the future?

NETHERLANDS

- After a series of violent crimes in the capital Praia, some of them deadly, Cape Verde reinstated street patrols by the military police last September to reinforce the rule of law. Is this a temporary measure in response to a spike in violence or does the government see it as a structural response to increased street crime?
- A plan to reform the justice sector did not get the required majority in Parliament in recent months. This blocks reinforcement of the sector and will slow down the urgent process of strengthening the sector, reducing backlogs in the judicial domain and so forth. In view of increasing threats from organised crime, what is the government's alternative plan and when can implementation of this plan be expected?
- With support of UNODC, the government of Cape Verde has developed an anti corruption strategy as well as an anti money laundering strategy. What concrete steps has the government taken and which steps will it take in the coming year to implement these strategies?

SWEDEN

- Consensual sexual activity among persons of the same sex is forbidden by law in Cap Verde. Are there any initiatives by the government of Cap Verde predicted to repeal the law that forbids sexual activity among persons of the same sex? Are there any initiatives by the government of Cap Verde predicted to end discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation and gender identity?
- Cap Verde is a state party to the Convention Against Torture. Despite efforts by the authorities there are reports on police brutality as well as on very poor conditions in places of detention. Could the government elaborate on measures it might consider to improve the situation of persons in places of detention and on how any initiatives to combat police brutality are proceeding?
