

## **ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO MEXICO-Addendum**

### **DENMARK**

- In 2008 it was recommended to strengthen the safety for journalists and other persons, who exercise the freedom of expression to investigate and criticize influential people and organizations. Among other initiatives it was recommended to make the investigation on attacks on voices for the freedom of speech a federal issue. What has been done to strengthen the freedom of speech in terms of journalist's safety, and on which accounts has the situation for journalists improved?
- Denmark notes the positive steps that have been taken to ensure the inclusion in society of indigenous communities and to ensure their human rights. It seems however that severe discrepancies are still being detected in legal procedures where members of indigenous peoples are involved - particularly in provincial states. What is being done to rectify this?
- Denmark welcomes that Mexico during the recent decade, has had focus on the eradication of the use of torture, and progress has been made in terms of legislation. Even recently, in 2008, reforms were approved in order to prevent confessions to be taken as proof if there is indication of any use of torture. How would you define the current situation in cases with indication of use of torture as regards the investigation and prosecution of individuals and institutions in violation of the legislation?

### **GERMANY**

#### Violence against women

- When does the Government of Mexico plan to align its state laws as well as federal legislation with the Law for Access of Women to a Life without Violence? What strategies does the federal government envisage - in cooperation with the state governments - to investigate and bring to justice those responsible for these crimes and to put an end to feminicides throughout the country?

#### Situation of indigenous people

- What measures is Mexico taking to improve the situation of the indigenous people concerning poverty, illiteracy and access to justice?

#### Economic, social and cultural rights

- Germany would appreciate if the Government of Mexico could provide us with information regarding plans to regulate working conditions in the informal sector. Does the government plan to improve the situation of workers receiving a minimum wage, in particular of women and of indigenous people.

## UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND

- Could you please elaborate further on the role civil society played in the preparation of your national report for this process?
- Could you please elaborate on the existence of a national human rights institution in Mexico and if it is in full compliance with the Paris Principles?
- Could you provide further detail on the National Programme for Human Rights? Who is responsible for evaluating progress, by what methodology and how often? What budget has been allocated to support its implementation?
- What action is being taken at federal level to harmonise State and Municipal legislation with the federal commitments Mexico has signed up to in the form of international treaties? How are officials given an understanding of legal requirements? What measures have been taken at federal and state level to reduce the reported impunity over crimes?
- Can you tell us how Mexico plans to return all law enforcement duties from the military to the police and how the professionalism of the police will first be increased? Can you also tell us when any human rights violations carried out in the meantime by military personnel against civilians will be investigated in a civilian court?
- What steps is the government of Mexico taking to provide adequate space for free speech, including enabling journalists to operate in an open and safe environment?
- What steps is the government taking to support civil society in preventing violence towards women and children in general? In particular, what steps are taken to ensure women have all the information they need about permitted abortions?
- We would be grateful to hear more about how Mexico plans to reduce the disparity of service in areas such as education, housing, healthcare and fair law enforcement/investigation for indigenous and rural communities?

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