

## ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO MONACO

### **CZECH REPUBLIC**

- Does the Government of Monaco intend to accede to the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment?
- What measures does the Government of Monaco consider to take in order to establish a national human rights institution?

### **GERMANY**

- According to reports of the UN and NGO Stakeholders there is a strong discrimination against non-Monegasque citizens with regard to, inter alia, housing, access to the social welfare system and employment. This is also reflected in a five year residence requirement to become naturalized as well as weak safeguards concerning expulsion. Germany would like to know if there are measures planned to improve the situation.

### **THE NETHERLANDS**

- Does Monaco envisage widening the opportunities for foreign inhabitants to vote and to participate actively in political life?
- Nationals are given preferential treatment when it comes to employment and taxes. Is the government considering any measures or amend legislation to prevent discrimination, in particular in relation to employment of non-nationals?
- Does Monaco envisage refining the legal framework for video surveillance in order to increase the respect the right to privacy of individuals as recommended by Human Rights Commissioner Hammarberg?

### **SWEDEN**

- In its conclusions from its latest consideration in 2008 of Monaco's report under the ICCPR, the Human Rights Committee expressed concerns about the broad, ill-defined definition of terrorist acts given in book III, title III, of the Criminal Code on offenses against the State. The Committee recommended that the Government of Monaco formulate and adopt a more precise definition of terrorist acts.
- Could the Government of Monaco elaborate on the measures it is taking to ensure that the definition of terrorist acts is in line with its human rights obligations?

## **UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND**

- Could you please elaborate further on the role civil society in Monaco played in the preparation of your national report for this process?
- Does Monaco have any plans to establish an Independent National Human Rights Institution in accordance with the Paris Principles? (As recommended by the CESCR and the HR Committee).
- We understand that the Monegasque Government has launched a debate on introducing the notion of sexual majority into Criminal Law. If this were to change, how would this impact upon your existing laws that govern the sexual activity of minors?
- We note from the report that in 2008, the National Council adopted draft legislation to combat domestic violence. Could you tell us if this is going to be formally tabled as a bill?
- Could you tell us what Monaco is doing to give persons with disabilities access to public and private buildings, services and amenities?
- What progress has the Monegasque Government made in extending the rights of peaceful assembly to all persons under Monegasque authority?

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