

## **ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO NORWAY**

### **SWEDEN**

- The Convention on the Rights of the Child, to which Norway is party, stipulates that children shall be deprived of their liberty only as a measure of last resort and for the shortest appropriate period of time. In its national UPR report, the government of Norway outlined alternatives to prison, stating its intention of making added use of community service as a form of legal sanction. At the same time, civil society organizations have reported that children are often kept in isolation for extended periods and that alternatives to detention are not pursued sufficiently.
- Could the government of Norway elaborate on the measures it is taking to ensure that the rights of children deprived of their liberty are fully protected, including by way of ensuring that children shall be deprived of their liberty only as a measure of last resort and for the shortest appropriate period of time?
- Credible reports indicate that persons with an immigrant background and persons belonging to minorities such as the Roma face discrimination in several areas of Norwegian society, including regarding employment, housing and education. These problems have been noted by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.
- What efforts is Norway taking to eliminate discrimination against persons belonging to minorities and persons with an immigrant background?

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

- The UK would be grateful to know what was the involvement of civil society in the preparation of the state's national report?
- Please could you tell us more about the role of the national human rights institution, in Norway?
- Could you please clarify what Norway will do to improve awareness of the issue of discrimination towards persons with disabilities, now that new legislation has been passed?
- Please could you elaborate on what plans the Norwegian government has to improve the impact and success of the language classes offered to all immigrants?
- Could you please inform us what initiatives will be implemented to address concerns about the relationship between state authorities and adolescents from ethnic minority backgrounds?

- Please could you let us know what steps Norway is taking to reinforce and implement existing legislation to combat domestic violence, including towards children?

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