ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO PORTUGAL-Add.2

THE NETHERLANDS

- When is Portugal planning to ratify the Optional protocol to the Convention against Torture, which it signed on 15 February 2006?

- The Portuguese government announced it will intensify its policy aimed at non-discrimination and equality. For the first time a State Secretary for equality has been appointed. Could Portugal elaborate on her policy plans in this area?

- What are the results of the comprehensive National Plan against Trafficking in Human Beings 2007-2010? Is a follow-up plan foreseen?