

## ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO FIJI – ADD.1

### **CZECH REPUBLIC**

- Has Fiji considered issuing a standing invitation to the Human Rights Council Special Procedures? Regarding requests for visits of 2 human rights special procedures (special rapporteur for independence of judges and lawyers and special rapporteur for torture) that are either pending or agreed to but have not been realized, in which timeframe does Fiji expect these visits to take place?
- Does Fiji intend to accede to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and the Optional Protocol thereto?
  - How is currently ensured overview of conditions in prisons and detention and protection of persons in detention of prison from possible abuse? Is there mechanism for accountability of prison and detention staff for any violations of human rights of detainees?
- How is ensured the freedom of expression, and freedom of media in particular from censorship?
- What safeguards exist to ensure protection of journalists or human rights defenders against arbitrary detention, intimidation and violence?
- How is ensured independence of the judiciary and rule of law, in the aftermath of 2009 removal from office of all judges, magistrates and holders of position appointed under the Constitution?
- How is ensured on national level implementation of obligations from CRC?
  - How is ensured protection against discrimination of girls, children with disabilities, children in institutions?
  - Does Fiji consider raising the age of criminal responsibility currently at 10 years to comply with CRC?
  - How is ensured in practice protection of children from economic or sexual exploitation?
  - How is ensured protection of the rights of the child in juvenile justice system?

### **GERMANY**

- The National Human Rights Institute has been suspended from the International Coordinating Committee of National Human Rights Institutions in March 2007 and resigned from it in April 2007. What steps does the government envisage to bring this institution back inline with the Paris Principles?
- According the CRC, there are widespread instances of discrimination against children with regard to access to education and health services, in particular

against the girl-child, children with disabilities, children in institutional care, children living in rural areas, poor children and children out of wedlock. What are the plans of the government to address these inequalities?

- The Special Rapporteurs on violence against women and on freedom of opinion and expression as well as the vice-chairperson of the working group on arbitrary detention have send urgent appeals regarding the arrest of women human rights defenders. What action has the government undertaken to respond to theses appeals?

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