

## **ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO SLOVENIA**

### **DENMARK**

- Which steps is Slovenia planning to take, in order to secure that all of the “erased” gain their rights as Slovene citizens?
- When is it expected that the status of the “erased” will be solved?

### **SWEDEN**

- Sweden welcomes the efforts made by the Government of Slovenia to address the issue of the Roma situation. In its report to the UPR, Slovenia lists measures it is taking to protect the rights of members of the Roma minority. At the same time, civil society reports indicate that the Romani minority continue to face discrimination in access to education, housing, health care and other services, as well as persistent prejudice and hostility.
- Could the Government of Slovenia elaborate on how the measures taken to eliminate discrimination of the Romani minority and ensure their full enjoyment of human rights will be evaluated and followed-up on?
- A year after Slovenia’s declaration of independence in 1991, more than 18,000 individuals were removed from the registry of permanent residents. They were people originating from other former Yugoslav republics, many of them Roma, who had been living in Slovenia but had not acquired Slovenian citizenship after independence. The move was reported to have been discriminatory in the sense that citizens of former Yugoslav republics were treated less favourably than other foreign nationals whose permanent residency status was granted automatically. Credible reports states that the authorities continues to fail to guarantee the rights of a group of permanent residents known as the “erased” yet Constitutional Court decisions found the “erasure” illegal and anti-constitutional.
- Could the Government of Slovenia elaborate on the measures it is taking to ensure that legislative and other measures are adopted to ensure that the rights of all individuals removed from the registry of permanent residents following independence are respected with regard to reparation in accordance with Slovenia’s international obligations?

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

- We should be grateful if you would provide information on the extent to which civil society was pro-actively consulted in the preparation of your national report. What plans are there to involve them in the follow-up to the review?

- We welcome the role of the Human Rights Ombudsman in Slovenia, and would be interested to know whether Slovenia has an independent national human rights institution which operates in accordance with the Paris principles designed to guide the practice of such institutions?
- We would be interested to find out more information about your draft national programme of measures to regulate the rights of the Roma community; which areas where the Roma currently experience discrimination will be addressed; what the timetable is for its implementation, and how its success will be measured.
- Please could you inform us if the Lukenda Project is on course to eliminate all backlogs in courts and prosecutor's offices by 31 December 2010.
- We should be grateful to know how successful the measures taken by the Equal Opportunities Office to reduce discrimination and prejudice against women have been, and what plans Slovenia has to change the stereotypical attitudes towards women in society.
- We should be grateful to know what measures Slovenia has taken to close the gender pay gap, and what steps Slovenia intends to take to encourage the participation of women in the labour market in both the public and private sector.
- Please could you inform us what the expected timescale is for implementation of the law being drafted to resolve discrepancies between the ZUSDDD Act and the Constitution. Will this law restore residency status to all those nationals of the former Yugoslavia, whose names were removed from population registers in 1992?

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