

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO EL SALVADOR

DENMARK

- What measures is the Salvadoran State taking to improve the situation of women who are victims of domestic violence and sexual assault?
- What is being done to create a national mechanism for statistics on women's death?
- Which steps have been taken to create the "Comisión Nacional de Búsqueda de Niñas y Niños" who disappeared during the armed conflict, and what is the timeframe for the process?
- The following international conventions are pending ratification or accession:
 - The Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC);
 - The International Labour Organization Convention concerning Indigenous and Tribal Peoples in Independent countries;
 - The Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or punishment;
 - The Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All forms of Discrimination against Women;
 - The optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights;
 - The Convention against Discrimination in Education;
 - The Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty.
- What will be done to ensure the prompt ratification of these covenants, and what is the time frame for this process?

LATVIA

- According to the information by the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, 65 countries from different regions of the world have issued standing invitations to all special procedures of the Human Rights Council. Considering previous cooperation of El Salvador with special procedures mandate holders (Special Rapporteur on the use of mercenaries (5-10 May, 2002); Special Rapporteur on violence against women (2-7 February, 2004); Working Group on enforced or involuntary disappearances (5-7 February,

2007) - would your country consider extending a standing invitation to all special procedures of the Human Rights Council in the future?

NORWAY

- How did El Salvador involve civil society organizations in the elaboration of the report, and how do you consider their participation in the process?
- How will El Salvador include civil society organizations in the follow-up process to the Universal Periodic Review?
- What measures will El Salvador take to secure the inclusion of civil society organizations in the political dialogue, including by ensuring the right to participate in peaceful public gatherings and demonstrations?
- What concrete and substantial steps will be taken with regard to Human Rights violations during the civil war?
- What concrete steps is El Salvador taking to ensure a transparent, independent and impartial investigation in the recent case in Cabañas, which includes both murders on environmental activists and threats and kidnappings of independent journalists?
- How will El Salvador improve the human rights situation of women, including with regard to fighting discrimination and ensuring increased participation in public life?
- Which actions are El Salvador considering to combat cases of gender based violence?
- Will El Salvador consider de-penalizing abortion for women?

UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN & NORTHERN IRELAND

- How did you involve independent civil society and human rights groups in the preparation of your national report?
- What measures is the Government of El Salvador taking to protect human rights defenders in the country and to enable them to carry out their work in safe and secure conditions?
- What actions will the El Salvadoran Government take to ensure full enjoyment of the right to freedoms of expression, assembly, association and of the press; including protecting against misuse of the Special Law Against Acts of Terrorism (2006)?

- What is El Salvador's strategy to improve the situation of women in the country, including their ability to exercise informed decisions on sexual life and reproductive health issues?
- Is the Government engaged with other partners, such as sexual diversity organisations, to complement its agenda on HIV/AIDS prevention?
- Please could you inform us as to whether an independent national human rights institution exists in your country and operates in accordance with the Paris principles designed to guide the practice of such institutions?
- What are the Government's specific plans to progress its human rights agenda including engagement with all sectors of civil society, mainstreaming human rights across policy goals, and implementation of education and training in the field of human rights?
