

## ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO GUINEA-BISSAU – ADD.1

### **GERMANY**

- Germany appreciates the openness in your National Report (A/HRC/WG.6/8/GNB/1, page 7 f.) where you mention several events accompanied by violations of human rights. In 2009, the Security Council also condemned the recent cases of arbitrary detentions, armed attacks and intimidation (A/HRC/WG.6/8/GNB/2, page 5). Germany would like to know which concrete measures the Government of Guinea-Bissau is taking to guarantee the full protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms?
- In 2009, CEDAW expressed concern at the lack of a comprehensive approach to addressing all forms of violence against women and girls, including domestic violence (A/HRC/WG.6/8/GNB/2, page 5). Germany would like to know which efforts the Government of Guinea-Bissau is undertaking to improve the situation of women and girls with regard to violence?

### **NORWAY**

- Civil Society Participation in the UPR Process How have representatives of civil society been included in the preparation for the UPR? As of January 2010 Guinea-Bissau did not have a national human rights institution accredited by the International Committee of National Institutions for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights (ICC). What measures will the government take to facilitate the establishment and functioning of such an institution?
- Cooperation with UN's Human Rights Council What steps will the government take to follow up and implement the recommendations of the Human Rights Council and how will civil society be involved?
- Freedom of Expression We are concerned about the security of persons raising a critical voice against persons or organizations involved in drug trafficking and/or against the national army. What measures are being taken by the government in order to guarantee their freedom of expression? What steps is the government going to take to improve security for human rights defenders and journalists and to ensure that crimes against them are being investigated and prosecuted?
- Human Rights Activists What judicial and legislative measures are being taken to hinder torture, unlawful killings, arbitrary arrest and detention as well as the freedom of expression for human rights activists?
- Women's Rights Norway is concerned about the practice of FGM and violence against women in Guinea-Bissau, what steps are considered taken to increase the protection of women? Given the high maternal mortality in Guinea-Bissau, what are the actions taken by the government towards its reduction?

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