

## **ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO GREECE – Add.1**

### **CZECH REPUBLIC**

- What steps has the Government of Greece taken to ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention on Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment?
- Czech Republic shares Greek concerns regarding the level of irregular migration. We also welcome the efforts of the Government of Greece to ensure the legislative developments of the migration and asylum procedures. Could Greece share the preliminary results of these measures taken to ensure the implementation of new policies and practices?
- Which measures does Greece plan to take with respect to meeting international standards in prisons and detention facilities?
- Could you please brief us on what measures have been taken to establish and ensure an independent and effective complaint mechanism to monitor and investigate an abuse of power by law enforcement agencies?
- Could you please provide us with more information about additional steps Greece is going to take in order to ensure that legislation on trafficking is fully implemented with aim to prevent incidence of trafficking and to provide an effective support to the victims?

### **DENMARK**

- When will the National Action Plan on the reform of the asylum system and migration management be implemented?
- How will Greece incorporate international refugee law and human rights law in the National Action Plan on the reform of the asylum system and migration management?
- The conditions for detainees held in police custody as well as for prison inmates are a source of concern, particularly the problems of overcrowding, poor sanitary conditions and lack of access to open air. What is being done to improve the conditions for detainees in Greece? When does Greece envisage to ratify the Optional Protocol of the Convention against Torture?

### **NORWAY**

- What is Greece doing to improve its capacity for appointing guardianship for unaccompanied minor asylum seekers and immigrants? Which are the next steps to further improve the protection of children and their rights?
- How does Greece plan to meet the recommendations given by the Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or

punishment, advising Greece to undertake significant reforms to the criminal justice system for tackling the overcrowding of the prison system?

- Does the newly established investigation mechanism for allegation of violations by police officers, as laid down in Law 3938/2011, safeguard the actual independence of an investigation according to the recommendations given by the Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment?
- What measures are taken to reduce the problem of domestic violence in Greece and to make it easier for the individuals concerned to report actions of domestic violence?

## **SLOVENIA**

- What measures have been taken to improve the situation in prisons and places of detention, following the visit of the UN Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment in October 2010?
- When does Greece expect the office responsible for handling alleged instances of abuse by the police personnel to become operational and what measures will be introduced to guarantee its objectivity?

## **SWITZERLAND**

- When will the Government of Greece establish an independent and effective police complaints mechanism to investigate all allegations of human rights violations by the police, including excessive use of force, torture and other ill-treatment?
- Will the Greek Authorities ensure prompt, impartial and comprehensive investigations into all allegations against law enforcement officials of torture and other ill-treatment of individuals, including members of vulnerable groups such as Roma, refugees, asylum-seekers and irregular migrants?
- Which steps are being taken by the Government of Greece to effectively implement recent legislative reforms in order to establish a comprehensive and adequately resourced asylum system consistent with international and regional human rights law to receive and protect asylum-seekers and irregular migrants?
- Which steps are being taken by the Government of Greece to ensure that any eviction of Roma people is carried out in compliance with international and regional standards?

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

- The UK welcomes the extent to which civil society stakeholders were consulted during the formulation of your review. We should be grateful if you would provide information on the extent to which civil society will be involved in the follow-up to this review.

- Could you please share with us how you plan to tackle the issues that the UPR reports raise regarding the situation of irregular migrants and asylum seekers?
- We should be grateful to know, following the adoption of Law 3304/2005 what further steps Greece will take to reduce the occurrence of discrimination in society.
- We would appreciate further information on the action Greece is taking to tackle problems in the judicial system, including shortening the length of judicial proceedings, which was highlighted by the National Commission for Human Rights.
- Does Greece intend to ratify any of the outstanding international human rights instruments highlighted such as the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture?
- We would be interested to learn what further measures Greece has planned to address the National Commission for Human Rights concerns about access to education for Roma.