

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO HUNGARY – Add.1

BELGIUM

- Is the Government of Hungary considering adopting a comprehensive gender equality law, which provides a definition of discrimination against women in accordance with the Convention?
- Is the Government of Hungary considering adopting specific legislation that prohibits domestic violence and spousal rape?
- How is the Government of Hungary preventing disrespect for and discrimination against people based on their sexual preference?

CZECH REPUBLIC

- We welcome Hungary's voluntary pledge to the Human Rights Council and Minister of Interior's official recommendation to the Government to ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhumane or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. Could you please elaborate further on the current state of play of the ratification?
- Does the Government of Hungary consider establishing a national human rights institution according to the Paris Principles?
- Committee against Torture observed that all elements of the definition of torture as provided by article 1 of the Convention on Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment were still not included in the Criminal Code. What steps have been taken to bring the national law into conformity with the Convention?
- UNHCR noted that Hungary imposed prolonged periods of administrative detention on asylum-seekers without providing them with effective remedies to challenge such detention. It stated that asylum-seekers were increasingly kept in administrative detention beyond the legal limit of 15 days and since April 2010 detention of asylum-seekers had become the rule rather than the exception. What measure have been taken in order to avoid prolongation of administrative detention of asylum-seekers during which they are deprived of freedom of movement and against which asylum-seekers lack effective remedies?
- In 2010, WHO stated that the health status of the population was poor compared to its socioeconomic development, with the leading causes of death comprising diseases that could be prevented by screening or early diagnosis. How the right to health is ensured?
- The Czech Republic is concerned that there has been a rise of serious, sometimes deadly, attacks against the Roma population since 2008. How does Hungary ensure that racially motivated violence and other hate crimes are

fully and effectively investigated and that those reasonably suspected of responsibility are prosecuted?

- CoE ECRI stated that incidents of vandalism against synagogues and Jewish cemeteries were not uncommon and that the expression of anti-Semitic views was on the rise. How does the Government of Hungary address all manifestations of anti-Semitism?
- Does Hungary intend to amend the legislation to ensure access to a lawyer as from the very outset of deprivation of liberty?

DENMARK

- How do the Hungarian authorities plan to prevent ill-treatment, and how do they plan to investigate allegations of ill-treatment? When does Hungary envisage to ratify the Optional Protocol of the Convention Against Torture?
- What measures have been taken by the Hungarian authorities in order to prevent violence against (hate crimes) and discrimination of Romas, including by public figures?
- How does Hungary intend to respond to the recommendations made by the Human Rights Committee regarding the establishment of a National Human Rights Institution in line with the Paris Principles?

SLOVENIA

- In 2006, Hungary made voluntary commitments to ratify the OPCAT and to respect the deadlines for the submission of periodic reports to the relevant treaty bodies. In this regard, we note that Hungary is still not a party to the OPCAT, and that its eighteenth report to the CERD has been overdue since 2004. What are the latest developments regarding these two open issues?

SWITZERLAND

- Does the Government of Hungary foresee to develop in the near future an action plan and take additional measures to combat and prevent racist incidents and hate crimes?
- What measures are being taken to ensure that members of the Romani community, as well as members of other vulnerable groups, are protected from violence and attacks?
- Which steps are being taken by the Government of Hungary to respect the principle of non-refoulement and to ensure that no migrants are sent back to countries where they are at risk of serious human rights violations?
- What are the measures taken by the Government of Hungary to prevent discriminations against people with disabilities, women, and LGBT people?

- What further measures does the Government of Hungary intend to implement to ensure the conformity of the new media law with Human Rights, in particular freedom of opinion and expression, as well as the independence and impartiality of the regulatory body empowered to apply the law?

UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND

- We would be grateful if you could provide information on the concrete and long term measures your country intends to take to promote the integration of the Roma.
- Please could you provide information on the measures taken to tackle extremist violence and harsh rhetoric against ethnic and religious minority groups and information on any future initiatives?
- Please could you tell us what steps the Government has taken to promote equality and inclusion for members of the LGBT community in your society? What additional steps do you intend to introduce?
- With respect to the Media Law, we would be grateful if you could explain what steps are being taken to ensure the impartiality and independence of the Media Council and the position of Head of the Media Authority.