ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO ANDORRA

UNITED KINGDOM

- The UK welcomes the steps the Government of Andorra has taken to engage with civil society during the UPR process. How does the Government plan to continue this dialogue and to broaden it to include the full range of civil society?

- Could you tell us if Andorra plans to set up an independent national human rights institution operating in accordance with the Paris principles designed to guide the practice of such institutions?

- We would be grateful if you could tell us if and when Andorra proposes to become a party to Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture (OPCAT)?

- We would be grateful if you would elaborate on any successes of the “equality mark” introduced for companies with a policy to promote effective equality at work between men and women?

- Could you provide more detail on programmes for the empowerment of disabled people mentioned in your national report?

- We welcome the establishment of a State Secretariat for Equality and National Equality Commission. Will the National Action Plan for Equality address the concerns of the Committee on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination against Women about segregation in the labour market and patriarchal patterns of behaviour in Andorran society?

- How have you responded to the concerns of the Committee on the Rights of the Child about the lack of Plan of Action for combating and preventing the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography?

- Could you please tell us whether Andorra plans to or has responded to the recommendation of the European Commission Against Racism and Intolerance that police officers receive initial and ongoing training in issues concerning racism and racial discrimination?