ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO BULGARIA

UNITED KINGDOM

• We should be grateful if you would provide information on the extent to which civil society was consulted in the preparation of your national report.

• 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?

• Can you please inform us what steps you will take to improve access and the provision of public services and facilities to the ethnic Roma population in Bulgaria in order to improve their standard of living?

• We should be grateful to know what measures are you taking to ensure the equal treatment and protection from discrimination of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community within Bulgaria?

• Please could you tell us what measures are you taking to improve the situation of children, particularly those under three or with disabilities, within the state childcare system in order to protect their basic rights?

• Please can tell us what procedures you use to collect robust statistical data on the ethnicity, sexual orientation and disabilities of people accessing public services, or in public sector employment, or in state social, custodial or medical care?

• We should be grateful to know what measures have been implemented to ensure that the decisions of the European Court of Human Rights are taken into consideration when applying or formulating legislation and policy?

• Please can you inform us of the measures you are taking in order to reduce the number of instances of brutality or ill-treatment by law enforcement and custodial officials in Bulgaria?