

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO NAURU

BELGIUM

- Nauru has ratified a number of international human rights instruments already, more specifically CEDAW, CAT, CRC and CRPD, while other conventions have been signed at an earlier stage but not ratified yet. What date is the Government of Nauru envisaging for the ratification of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination?
- The initial reports from the Government of Nauru to the treaty bodies (namely to CAT, CEDAW, CRC, CRPD) are overdue. What measures have been taken by the Government of Nauru to remedy this? Is the Government of Nauru considering seeking capacity-building assistance, guidance and/or technical support from the United Nations to fulfill its reporting obligations?
- Which legislative and other measures has the Government of Nauru taken to address all forms of violence against women?
- Does the Government of Nauru consider to act upon the recent call of the special rapporteur on the right to freedom of expression to withdraw recent amendments to the Criminal Code that unduly restrict freedom of expression and to revoke other measures that restrain access to the internet and social media and curtail the freedom of the press?
- Is the Government of Nauru considering to abolish the death penalty since no executions have been carried out since independence in 1968?

GERMANY

- What measures are being taken to ensure the provision of clean drinking water and access to water services and sanitation in view of the geographical vulnerability of Nauru to the adverse impacts of climate change and the already limited water resources on the island?

SLOVENIA

- We note that Nauru accepted the recommendation number 38 in the 2011 UPP to continue the efforts to address domestic violence, promote the empowerment of women, improve the quality of education, address unemployment, and to draft a new criminal code that would, inter alia, decriminalize sexual activity between consenting

adults of the same sex. What measures have been taken with regard to the above mentioned recommendation?

- We note that Nauru is facing the challenge of the scarcity of fresh water resources. What provisions and measures are taken or foreseen to ensure access to clean drinking water and sanitation?

SWITZERLAND

- When will the Government of Nauru address a new invitation to the UN Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, given that its visit of April 2014 has been canceled?
- Does the Government of Nauru intend to invite the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders?
- In line with the relevant international standards, in particular the United Nations Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners, what is the Government of Nauru going to undertake to improve the conditions of detention in the Regional Processing Center?
- Given that Nauru hasn't used capital punishment since independence, what are the obstacles currently preventing the full abolition of the death penalty?

UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND

- What actions is Nauru taking to facilitate the acceptance of refugees into the wider community?
- What measures is Nauru taking to ensure the continued safety and well being of women and girls across the country irrespective of their immigration or nationality status?
- What steps does Nauru intend to take to protect freedom of expression both online and offline?
- What steps will Nauru take to ensure that any restrictions on the democratic process and the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association are in accordance with its obligations under international human rights law?
- How will Nauru ensure that defendants in criminal cases are allowed to choose their representation, and that cases are heard by an independent judiciary in a timely and transparent process?