

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO BURUNDI

UNITED KINGDOM

- Could you elaborate how you intend to take forward the conclusions of the tripartite consultations regarding transitional justice and what provisions will be made for protection of witnesses and victims?
- What actions are being taken to protect and ensure the human rights of returning refugees, and to ensure access to health services, education and land?
- What measures are being taken by Burundi to protect persons who are witnesses to or victims of acts of torture or cruel, degrading or inhuman treatment?
- How do you plan to ensure political youth wings are restrained from violence, ensure registration and participation of opposition parties and encourage political dialogue ahead of the 2015 parliamentary elections?
- What further steps will you take to support and extend the work of the National Independent Human Rights Commission (CNIDH), in particular so as to ensure adequate funding is available to support this institution so that it may effectively fulfil its mandate in line with the Paris Principles and ensure effective coverage across the country?

CZECH REPUBLIC

- The intimidation of journalists and attempts to silence them are omnipresent in Burundi. Could the Government of Burundi provide information on the concrete steps to assure the freedom of expression and to stop attacks against journalists?

SLOVENIA

- What results have been achieved so far in implementing the action plan on elimination of the worst forms of child labour in Burundi?
- What measure has Burundi taken to improve the level of access to clean water and sanitation?

MEXICO

- What is the current situation on the establishment of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission?
- Will this Commission have a mechanism that ensures that those responsible for committing gross human rights violations in the recent past are duly punished?

NETHERLANDS

- **Right to food**

It is observed that not enough of the resources available to the Government of Burundi have been assigned to the economic and social sectors. The chronic food insecurity incidence among a significant proportion of the Burundese population persists. How will Burundi address this in the future?

- **Freedom of expression and media (internet)**

The Government of Burundi presents the wide variety of media and press in the country in its report, which indeed is impressive. A new media law is in development, which is said to be more restrictive. How does the Government of Burundi relate the in the report mentioned media freedom to these changes in legislation?

- **Freedom of expression and opinion, right to participate in political and public life**

Concerns are expressed about the lack of dialogue between the Government and the parties that withdrew from the 2010 elections. Could the Government of Burundi elaborate on the efforts made to engage in a constructive dialogue with opposition parties including extraparliamentary opposition?