

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO ARGENTINA

NETHERLANDS

- Women's rights

The increasing role of women in politics as well as in economic affairs is a positive development. Laws and regulations have been implemented to counter discrimination against women and violence against women. Nevertheless the number of cases of violence of women seems to increase. There is an overall impression that perpetrators of such violence are not or not sufficiently prosecuted and punished. Does the Government recognize this and what are the plans to address impunity of perpetrators of violence against women?

- Unsafe abortions

Figures seem to indicate that unsafe abortions are a major cause of maternal mortality and morbidity. Could the Government indicate whether the recent judgment of the Supreme Court (March 2012) would have an impact on these figures?

- National Mechanism for prevention of torture [OPCAT]

In the 2008 UPR session The Netherlands enquired about the National Mechanism to for the prevention of torture. Can the Government indicate when it will be implemented? Will it cover both the Federal and other Penitentiary systems?

NORWAY

- We would kindly ask Argentina to elaborate on the national report writing process and provide more information regarding the inclusion of NGOs in the UPR-process. We would e.g. like to know how many NGOs participated in the process, and if any of those involved represented indigenous groups.
- Norway would kindly ask Argentina to elaborate on their efforts to ensure transparency and access to public information to journalists and NGOs. We would also like to know when Argentina will pass a law on access to public information.
- According to the WHO, 27, 4 % of all maternal deaths in Argentina are consequences of illegal abortion. Considering the gravity of this issue, we would kindly ask the Argentine Government to inform on how they are working to lower the maternal death rate in general and illegal abortions in particular.
- Considering women's rights, Norway would like to know if the government plans on strengthening the budget for programs combatting gender based

violence. Furthermore, we would like to know if the government has a national strategy for ensuring equal opportunities and treatment for victims of gender based violence, regardless of their home province.

SLOVENIA

- What kind of measures will be taken to ensure that children with disabilities are included in the education system and in health insurance plan?
- What is the current state of play with regard to the establishment of an independent national preventive mechanism as provided for in OP-CAT?
- What is the envisaged time-frame for the ratification of the Third Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child?