

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO FINLAND

CZECH REPUBLIC

- In order to share good practices, could you please provide particular examples of measures taken on the ground to eradicate discrimination and to promote equality, especially on the grounds of ethnicity, disability and gender?

NORWAY

- What measures are taken to reduce the problem of domestic violence in Finland and to make it easier for the individuals concerned to report actions of domestic violence?
- Could you please elaborate on what measures Finland is taking to address the issue of reported overcrowded immigration detention facilities and to correct the lack of comprehensive statistical data on immigration detention?
- Several human rights organizations have voiced concern that the newly established National Human Rights Centre in Finland may not have sufficient funding to be fully effective. What measures are taken to ensure that the Centre is able to function at its full potential?
- Does Finland plan to ratify ILO Convention No. 169 on Indigenous and Tribal Peoples in Independent Countries within the term of office of the current government administration?
- Could you please elaborate on whether Finland has a concrete plan on how to reach the Millennium Development Goal of committing 0.7 % of its GNP to Official Development Assistance?

SLOVENIA

- What concrete measures are being taken in terms of Finland's "long-term work to enhance implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child", as referenced in paragraph 21 of your national report to the Working Group on UPR?
- What are some examples of measures undertaken to reduce the gender-based pay gap in the framework of Finland's equal pay program? (paragraph 24 of the national report)
- How does Finland plan to ensure that by the year 2020 no developmentally disabled person will live in an institution? How are organizations of people with disabilities involved in the preparations of the nationwide plan? (paragraph 117 of the national report)

- Does the Non-discrimination Act differentiate between discrimination on different grounds? What forms of discrimination are currently covered by non-discrimination legislation? What is the envisioned time-frame for the reform of the Non-discrimination Act?
- What is the envisaged time-frame for ratification of the new Optional protocol on a communications procedure to the Convention on the Rights of the Child?

UNITED KINGDOM

- Please could you inform us of any plans you have to strengthen efforts to tackle domestic violence in light of a series of so-called “family murders” during the last year?
- We would be interested to hear whether the Government intends to further tackle racist and other hate speech in public fora?