

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO CROATIA – Add.1

CZECH REPUBLIC

- While appreciating that Croatia belongs among the first states that ratified the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and Optional Protocol thereto we would like to ask the delegation to elaborate further on steps taken to implement full rights of persons with disabilities; especially concerning the law regulating a legal capacity of persons with intellectual disabilities?
- What steps the Government of Croatia is taking in order to ensure enjoyment of full rights of persons, mainly the ethnic Serbs, who were displaced because of conflict; especially concerning their citizenship as long as it appears as an obstacle to resolve rights of former tenancy holder? How the new law is implemented?

DENMARK

- Denmark would like to highlight the importance of cooperating fully with the ICTY and making all relevant documents available to the tribunal. Could Croatia provide further information on the ongoing efforts to ensure that all necessary steps are taken to settle the issue?
- Judicial independence, efficiency and fundamental rights - especially with regard to minorities - are at the core of a society governed by the rule of law. Noticeable reforms have been decided upon, but in the effort of implementing the reforms throughout the justice system, challenges remain. Could Croatia provide further information on the ongoing efforts and political commitment in Croatia to address these matters?
- While acknowledging the important efforts made by Croatia within the field of refugee return, it is broadly assessed that those efforts need to be sustained even in the context of the economic crisis. How will Croatia avoid that the budget cuts that are necessary in the context of the economic crisis do not weigh negatively on refugee return issues?
- Has Croatia abolished the use of enclosed restraint beds as a measure to restrain mental patients and established an inspection system in mental institutions?

GERMANY

- In 2009, the HR Committee was concerned about reports that many potential cases of war crimes remained unresolved and that the selection of cases had been disproportionately directed at ethnic Serbs. CERD noted reports alleging the persistent differential treatment of perpetrators of Serb and Croat origin, and recommended that Croatia strengthen its efforts to ensure that all war

crimes trials conducted at the national level are carried out in a non-discriminatory manner, and that all cases of war crimes are effectively investigated and prosecuted, irrespective of the ethnicity of the victims and the perpetrators involved. Germany would appreciate information on how the government of Croatia follows up on these recommendations.