

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO NAMIBIA ADD.2

NORWAY

- Concerns have been raised by the HR Committee as well as from the civil society about harassment of journalists and media organizations in Namibia. Threats and harassment is also reported against certain human rights defenders and NGO's. What steps will the Namibian Government take to in order to investigate and follow up on such cases, and prevent harassment and threats in the future?
- What is Namibia's view on the representation of women in positions of government and policy making and that the number seems to be decreasing? What steps will Namibia take to prevent discrimination and violence against women?
- The right to a fair trial is established in the Namibian Constitution and further legislation, but reports from the civil society point out serious delays in hearing cases and frequent postponement of criminal court cases, while the accused are being kept under arrest. What steps is the Namibian Government taking to ensure that trials take place within a reasonable period of time?
- The prisons in Namibia are reported to be overcrowded and to be generally in bad condition, including lacking sanitary installations. There are also reports of police violence. Is the Government of Namibia planning to take any concrete steps in order to improve the prison conditions?
- How will the outcome of the UPR be presented to the civil society and what plans does Namibia have to involve NGOs/CSOs in the follow up of process?

SLOVENIA

- What measures have been taken to implement CEDAW recommendations to take steps to fully implement and enforce laws on violence against women and to ensure that victims are able to benefit from existing legislative framework as well as to ensure that all violence against women is effectively prosecuted?