

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO COLOMBIA

NETHERLANDS

- *Women's rights.* Recognising that women are particularly affected by the conflict and human rights violations related to the presence of illegal armed groups, how will the government ensure appropriate attention is focused on women's specific interests, needs and capacities?
- *Human rights defenders.* What information can the Colombian government provide regarding the ongoing investigation into the murder of human rights defenders Manuel Ruíz and Samir de Jesús Ruíz in Curvaradó.

UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAN AND NORTHERN IRELAND

- We welcome the Government of Colombia's creation of a National Human Rights system. Could the delegation advise what plans there are for the system to work on the issue of business and human rights, particularly in the extractive industries?
- We would welcome an update on Colombian plans to address overcrowding and poor conditions in its prisons. Does the government plan to ratify OPCAT as a means of addressing possible torture or cruel, inhumane or degrading treatment occurring in prisons?
- We are aware of and support plans to improve the investigations of cases of sexual violence. Are there any plans to reform the Ministry of Defence's 'Protocol for the Management of Sexual Violence' so that all cases are initially investigated by the Prosecutor-General's office?
- We commend Colombia's efforts to increase protection measures available to human rights defenders and civil society actors. Could the delegation outline what other measures Colombia has taken to prevent violence against them, e.g. by combating stigmatisation?

SWEDEN

- What will the Government of Colombia do to ensure that serious human rights crimes such as the alleged extrajudicial killings known as "false positives" in no case could be addressed by the military courts?
- Considering the fact that there has been an increase of sexual violence against women in recent years, mainly related to the internal armed conflict, what effective measures will the government of Colombia take to prevent sexual violence against women and to

ensure victims' access to justice, psychosocial assistance and support to reintegrate in society?

SLOVENIA

- Considering that liberty of conscience in Colombia is protected by the Constitution (Art 18), we would be interested to know if the government adopted any specific legislation that refers to or regulates the right to conscientious objection with regard to military service?
- Please give some examples of concrete measures that are part of the strategy to prevent trafficking in human beings. What kind of victim protection programs are in place or envisioned?
- Human rights defenders and their families continue to face insecurity, threats and harassments. In particular, human rights defenders in remote rural areas and those working at the grassroots level are more at risks of rights violations. We would be interested to hear more about protection measures put in place by the government to protect human rights defenders.

MEXICO

- ¿Qué medidas han sido adoptadas para la rehabilitación de niños involucrados en conflictos armados?
- ¿Qué estado guarda el proyecto para establecer un Banco Nacional de Perfiles de ADN?
- ¿Podría aclarar si el gobierno ha establecido un mecanismo de seguimiento para proteger a los beneficiarios de restitución de tierras?