

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO MAURITIUS

CZECH REPUBLIC

- Has the government of Mauritius considered issuing a standing invitation to the Special Procedures of the Human Rights Council?
- What specific measures are available to protect the rights of children of detainees/prisoners? Is there any registration procedure, to find out whether person arrested or detained has caring responsibilities?
- What human rights training is provided to law enforcement and judicial officers with regard to protection of human rights of women, children and persons of minority sexual orientation or gender identity?

LATVIA

- According to the information by the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, 63 countries from different regions of the world have issued standing invitations to all special procedures of the Human Rights Council. Considering request by Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief to visit Mauritius - would your country consider extending a standing invitation to all special procedures of the Human Rights Council in the future?

NETHERLANDS

- In the national report submitted by Mauritius (paragraph 37) recommendations by the National Human Rights Commission are brought forward concerning social, economic cultural rights, as well as issues concerning police, sex discrimination and the administration of justice.

Could the government indicate what measures are taken or are being considered to implement these recommendations?

- With the adoption on the Equal Opportunities Act in December 2008 Mauritius has taken a major step in the field of non-discrimination legislation.

Could the government outline the activities that will be undertaken to create awareness on its implications both for the general public and for specific groups that currently face discrimination, especially women and the LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender) community?

- In the national report (paragraph 105) it is indicated that the Sexual Offences Bill was referred to a Select Committee in 2007 for further study and consultation.

Is there a provision in this Bill that criminalizes marital rape or are there provisions in other codes of law that criminalize marital rape, therewith

complementing the prevention and protection efforts in the field of domestic violence?

- The efforts undertaken by the government to decriminalize sexual activities among consenting adults are being highly appreciated. Currently sodomy falls under section 250 of the Code Penal and can lead to imprisonment of maximum 5 years.

Could the government indicate when the Select Committee is expected to issue its advice and what the timeframe would be for the government after receiving that advice to present the Bill to parliament?
