

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO TONGA

UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN & NORTHERN IRELAND

- Please could you inform us of plans the Government of Tonga has to establish a national human rights institution in accordance with Paris principles?
- We would be grateful for an understanding of why Tonga is the only country in the Pacific and one of a very small number of countries worldwide not to have become party to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) and whether the Government has plans to become party to the Convention?
- We would appreciate information about action the Government of Tonga is taking to address the issue of police violence and whether Tonga will initiate education programmes for its police officers in this regard?

NORWAY

- In the 2008 UPR Tonga accepted recommendations to ratify i.a. ICCPR, ICESCR, CEDAW and CAT, however has not yet done so. Can Tonga explain why the government has failed to ratify these instruments?
- Which measures will Tonga take in order to ensure equality between men and women, including as relates to ownership of land and the right of women to inherit property?
- It has been reported that police officers have been involved in the maltreatment and death of civilians. What steps have the Tongan government taken to address this issue and prevent it happening again?
- Which measures will Tonga take in order to improve the possibility of achieving Millennium Development Goal 3, to Promote Gender Equality and Empower Women, and is Tonga considering taking concrete steps to increase the number of women in decision making positions?

SLOVENIA

- Has a gender perspective been integrated in Tongan policies? If so, in what way? What equality guarantees are offered to women?
- How does Tonga guarantee the rights of persons with disabilities? What improvements in meeting the needs of people with disabilities have been made in recent years?

- As a signatory of the Convention on the Rights of persons with Disabilities, what steps has Tonga taken to include the provisions of the convention in domestic law? What is the envisioned timeframe for the ratification of the convention?

MEXICO

- What obstacles has the Tongan Government identified to effectively implement previous UPR recommendations?
- How does Tonga plan to prevent statelessness in its territory, both legally and in practice?