

## ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO SERBIA—ADD 3

### ICELAND

- **Violence against women and children and human trafficking**

Iceland welcomes Serbia's efforts to combat violence against women, including the signing of the Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combatting Violence against Women. Nevertheless, Iceland is concerned about reports of prevalent domestic violence and the low number of domestic violence cases that reach the courts in Serbia. What measures are being taken by Serbia to increase treatment and support for victims of domestic violence? And what measures will Serbia take to ensure that perpetrators of violence against women and children are prevented from returning to the family home?

Iceland is also concerned about cross-border trafficking of women for sexual and other exploitative purposes, the low number of prosecutions, and the decrease in the minimum penalties for trafficking in persons to three years of imprisonment. Iceland is especially concerned that more than half of the victims of trafficking and sexual exploitation are reported to be minors. What further steps does Serbia plan to take in order to prosecute and punish perpetrators, provide redress, reintegration and legal services to victims/survivors, and raise awareness and train law-enforcement officials and border police?

- **Anti-discrimination and LGBT rights**

Iceland takes note of Serbia's efforts to combat discrimination and welcomes the initiation of a National Anti-Discrimination Strategy. Iceland in particular welcomes Serbia's involvement in the Council of Europe Project aimed at fighting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity. Does Serbia plan to take further action to protect the LGBT community from discrimination and prosecution, for instance by enacting legislation that prohibits the termination and/or refusal of employment based on the individual's sexual orientation or sexual identity? On a similar note, how does Serbia plan to ensure the rights of the LGBT community to exercise their fundamental freedom of expression, association and peaceful assembly?