

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO PERU – ADD.2

NETHERLANDS

- The Netherlands has taken note of the extension in 2010 of the competency of the ‘Sala Penal Nacional y de los Juzgados Penales Supraprovinciales’ to protect journalists whose rights have been violated. Has this measure so far led to actual protection of these journalists?
- The Netherlands is still concerned about the lack of progress on the implementation of the UPR recommendation in 2008 urging the Peruvian government to expedite prosecution of cases of violence and intimidation of the media. Which measures will the government take to ensure that journalists and human rights defenders can function freely and without reprisals? These measures should be reported to the Human Rights Council.
- In the National Report (Par. 5, Annex of Resolution 16/21, HRC) the Peruvian government rarely mentions the rights of LGBT persons. The Netherlands regards legalization of the rights of LGBT persons as crucial for ending discrimination on the basis of gender. Which legal measures are being taken to combat discrimination against gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender persons?
- The Netherlands compliments Peru with the decrease in 2011 of the overall rates of maternal, postnatal and child mortality. However, both countries agree that there still exists disparity between rural and urban areas. Although the Peruvian government has taken a number of positive measures, The Netherlands urges to prioritize poor and marginalized women, for them to receive the appropriate information and health care.
- The Netherlands recognizes that reparation programmes for victims of past human rights violations during the period 1980-2000 have been put in place in Peru. However, The Netherlands is concerned that ongoing difficulties (e.g. eligibility criteria, accessibility to the programmes, criteria for compensation) have prevented victims from receiving adequate reparation. Therefore The Netherlands urges Peru to take the necessary legal and other measures to address these problems and to report back to the Human Rights Council.

UNITED KINGDOM

- We would welcome information from the Government of Peru on how they intend to ensure that human rights are protected when addressing protests and social unrest? We would also appreciate information on the timescales for concluding investigations into recent protests and social unrest and are these investigations providing the Government of Peru with lessons in how to address protests and social unrest in the future?

- What progress has been made in appointing a permanent Ombudsman and to ensuring that the Ombudsman's Office have access to sufficient resources to ensure that they can fulfil their function in an efficient and timely manner?
- Could the delegation provide an update on the progress that has been made by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission since their last UPR, particularly in holding to account those responsible for human rights abuses during the internal conflict during the 1980s and 1990s?
- Could the delegation provide an update on the implementation, including timescales, of the April 2012 "Ten Steps to Reform the Penitentiary System" document?
- We welcome the Government of Peru's national plan to address domestic violence, and would welcome an update on how this plan will address the issue of unreported instances of domestic violence.