

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA – Add.3

FINLAND

1) Freedom of Religion or Belief

Question:

- The Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief made a country visit to the Republic of Moldova in September 2011. While we wait for his report to be published, what measures does the Government intend to take to facilitate interreligious communication and to work towards a public culture of appreciating diversity?

2) Racism, Discrimination and Xenophobia

Question:

- There have been reports of racist attacks and of insufficient protection of against such attacks, regardless of ethnicity. What measures does the Government intend to take to effectively combat racism and xenophobia and to promote and protect the rights of all persons against racial discrimination and xenophobia?

3) Human Rights of Persons with Disabilities

Question:

- According to the UN Country Team in Moldova, persons with disabilities face discrimination, social exclusion, poverty, unemployment, low quality education, poor access to the general system of social protection and an inaccessible environment, as well as pressure towards institutionalization. What measures does the Government intend to take to fully realize all human rights for persons with disabilities?

NORWAY

- What steps is the Moldovan Government planning to take in order to pass the bill on anti-discrimination which was withdrawn from Parliament in March this year?
- What are the strategies of the Moldovan Government to educate and enhance the competence of the judiciary and police regarding witness protection relating to human trafficking or domestic violence?
- Which obstacles remain in order to be able to classify Moldova's media as fully independent? How will you provide for these obstacles to be removed?

SWEDEN

- Sweden would like to ask what measures the Government of Moldova is taking to build broad support for a comprehensive anti-discrimination law, noting that the resistance especially regarding the term LGBT rights is high.
- Sweden would like to ask what measures the Government of Moldova is undertaking to remedy the high prevalence of domestic violence.
- Sweden would like to ask what actions the Government of Moldova has been and is taking in the aftermath of the events to ensure due process and that those guilty of committing these crimes are brought to justice.