

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO VANUATU-ADD 1

GERMANY

- While recognizing the progress made in respect of access to safe drinking water, what measures does the government of Vanuatu take to ensure the full realization of the human right to safe drinking water and sanitation?
- Does the government of Vanuatu plan to extend free education beyond the phase of primary education?

CZECH REPUBLIC

- Does the Government of Vanuatu intend to accede to the remaining core human rights instruments such as the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and also to the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment?
- As reported by human rights NGOs, while the law prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, place of origin, language or sex, women have remained victims of discrimination. Has the Government the intention to take further measures to advance the rights of women?
- What particular steps does the Government of Vanuatu intend to take in order to improve conditions in detention facilities and to ensure effective investigation into allegations of torture or mistreatment?
- The Czech Republic appreciates voter education workshops and other measures taken in order to increase political participation of women. In this respect, we are interested to learn whether the Government plans to take any measures to increase the numbers of women in public office.

BELGIUM

- Is the Government of Vanuatu considering ratifying the Agreement on the Privileges and Immunities of the International Criminal Court and to implement it in its national law?
- Is the Government of Vanuatu considering ratifying the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance, signed in 2007, without reservation?
- Is the Government of Vanuatu considering ratifying the Convention relating to the status of refugees, as recommended by the UNCHR?

- Is the Government of Vanuatu considering accepting the individual complaints procedure under all the human rights conventions to which it is already a State party?
- Has the Government of Vanuatu considered enshrining the right to education in the Constitution, as advised by UNESCO?
- UNHCR has recommended that Vanuatu continue to take steps to ensure that births of all children are registered. How has the Government of Vanuatu acted on this recommendation?
- The UNICEF Child Protection baseline study proposed a Children's Act and the review of the penal code to take into account the specific cases of minor delinquents. Which steps have been taken by the Government of Vanuatu in this respect?
- How does the Government of Vanuatu assess its « Family Protection Act » and how does it envisage disseminating information and promoting implementation of the act in the rural and isolated areas? What financial means will be attributed to the Department of women's affairs to implement this legislation?
- What steps is the Government of Vanuatu taking to enhance access to the judiciary system as well as support systems for victims of domestic violence, in particular women suffering a disability?

SLOVENIA

- We would like to inquire on whether the issue of sexual violence against girls is to be included in the 2-year project mentioned in the para 67 of the national UPR report and is it dealt with in the new National Policy and Action Plan on Gender Equality and Women's Development 2014-2017?
- We would also appreciate any information on what services and facilities are available to the girls - victims of domestic sexual violence?

SPAIN

- What is the current procedural stage of the draft law on labour risks? Could you explain the general content of this draft law?