

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO ITALY

GERMANY

- In the realm of the recently passed legislation on overcrowding in prisons (“decreto svuota carceri”), which has already led to a decrease in detainees, how does Italy plan to further address the situation of the large percentage of detainees held on remand? What concrete measures are foreseen to guarantee a timely access to a fair trial and to reduce the average length of trials?

NETHERLANDS

- What measures does the government take to counter, among some groups in society, the persistence of stereotypes associating ethnic minorities and non-citizens with criminality, and Islam with terrorism?
- What measures does the government take against the practice, used by some employers, of having a worker sign an undated letter of resignation at the time of hiring, for future use by the employer, causing a relatively high number of resignations without cause, especially regarding pregnant women and working mothers?

NORWAY

- The number of migrants arriving in Italy this year, after crossing the Mediterranean at great peril, is unprecedented. Italy has saved countless lives through its operation Mare Nostrum, which we applaud. However, many of the migrants make their way to and apply for asylum in other countries in Europe without being registered in Italy. Such registration is important in order to ensure that claims for international protection are processed in accordance with EU and international law. What steps are Italian authorities taking to prevent circumvention of registration upon arrival in Italy in accordance with the Dublin and EURODAC regulations?
- We welcome Italy’s decision to increase the number of reception places (SPRAR) to 20 000. However, this may be insufficient if the current trends of arrivals hold. Are there plans to increase the number of reception places further? What is the specific timeframe for the planned increase in places?
- Italy is now the state with the highest number of pending applications, as well as the highest number of judgments from the European Court of Human Rights that are not implemented. How does Italy plan to remedy this situation?

UNITED KINGDOM

- What progress has the Government of Italy made on developing a national action plan to implement the UN Guiding Principles on business and human rights endorsed by the Human Rights Council in 2011?
- What steps have migrant reception centres taken in response to the unprecedented levels of irregular migration from the Mediterranean region and how are they ensuring that adequate living conditions are maintained?
- To what extent is the Government of Italy considering aligning its national legislation with the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, particularly provisions to investigate and prosecute genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes in national courts?
- Please could you provide an update on the steps taken by the Government of Italy to prohibit discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation and gender identity when accessing goods and services, such as housing tenancies?
- How is the Government of Italy ensuring the consistent implementation of the National Strategy for the Inclusion of Roma? How are local governments being held to account for policies that may violate Roma rights?

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

- We welcome the progress Italy has made this year to address prison overcrowding. What next steps will Italy take to upgrade the conditions of prisons and reduce overcrowding?
- We commend the efforts by Italy to address anti-Semitism, but there continue to be incidents of anti-Semitism in Europe, especially after the recent conflict in Gaza. What additional steps is Italy taking to combat anti-Semitism