

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO KAZAKHSTAN – ADD.1

SLOVENIA

- Violence against women is also recognised within the family. We would be interested to learn more on what concrete measures do you use in order to reduce the violence against women in the domestic area?
- On the issue of freedom of the media we would like to ask the Government about its intentions to bring the legislation on media freedom in line with the international human rights standards, taking into account that media legislation still remains restrictive, in particular the new Criminal Code containing certain articles relating to the rights to freedom of speech, assembly and association that do not meet international human rights standards.

UNITED KINGDOM

- Following Kazakhstan's establishment of a National Preventative Mechanism against torture, how will the Government proceed with implementing effective and independent mechanisms for investigating torture?
- What is the Kazakh Government's position on amending relevant legislation to decriminalise libel and defamation, to bring it in line with international human rights obligations?
- What is the Government's position on bringing its legislation on registering political parties and public associations in line with its ICCPR obligations?
- In light of the events in Zhanaozen in December 2011 and Kazakhstan's significant economic development, what scope is there for the Government to begin implementing the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?
- What plans does the Government have to review the 2011 Law on Religious Associations to bring it in line with recommendations made by the Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion or Belief and with international human rights law?