

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO KENYA – ADD.2

SWITZERLAND

- Switzerland has some reservations with regard to the recent tightening of regulations regarding NGOs residing on Kenyan territory and is interested to hear more about the reasons for the closure of around 400 NGOs in Kenya in last December. What measures have been or will be taken in order to replace services that have been provided by those NGOs that are now closed down, in the areas of social welfare, health sector, child support and development assistance?
- Are Kenyan authorities considering the inclusion of a provision for a moratorium on the death penalty into national legislation, given that such a moratorium has already been in place *de facto* since 1987? Are there measures foreseen to abolish the death penalty (i.e. to ratify the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty), not to pronounce new death sentences as well as commute already pronounced death sentences to alternative sanctions?
- Following the adoption last year of the Kenya Information and Communication Act as well as amendments to the legislation in the area of security last December, press freedom has been strongly restricted. What measures have the Kenyan authorities taken to fulfill their international obligations regarding the freedom of press (i.e. art. 19 ICCPR)?