ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO ICELAND

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- As the economy of Iceland has improved significantly over the last couple of years, social welfare has improved, which also has had a positive effect on services available to society and particularly vulnerable groups. There are however new challenges related to a sharply increasing labour marked. How will Iceland meet the new challenges described in the National report, regarding increased labour trafficking?

- Which are the actual measures foreseen in the new Icelandic action plan to examine gender-based acts of violence and their prosecution and handling in the judicial system? Are further revisions of the provision of public services for victims of violence in intimate relationships foreseen?

- The Human Rights Commissioner of the Council of Europe has recommended that the Icelandic authorities implement a national Human Rights Action Plan in order to ensure that human rights and anti-discrimination policies are dealt with in a systematic and comprehensive manner. Does the authorities plan to follow up on this recommendation?