ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO THE UNITED KINGDOM OF

GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND (THIRD BATCH)

NETHERLANDS

Privacy and issues related to countering extremism

- How will the United Kingdom ensure that the powers provided by the Investigatory Powers Act, including the collection of browsing history and mass surveillance, are used in a manner that is proportionate to its aim?
- The Government of the United Kingdom is in the initial phase of proposing additional measures to counter extremism. How will the Government address critical issues in safeguarding human rights, and ensure a clear definition of violent extremism to safeguard the right to privacy and the right to freedom of expression?

Hate Crime

• Given that race is the most commonly reported motivation for hate crime in parts of the United Kingdom, what steps is the Government taking to address the issue of xenophobia and the increase in hate crimes in particular?

Legal aid

• Will the Government of the United Kingdom review its measures on the availability of legal aid in England and Wales in order to ensure access to justice and its implementation in a non-discriminatory manner? If so, could the Government set out the steps it has taken to monitor the impact of these measures in the meantime?