

## **ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO TONGA (FIRST BATCH)**

### **UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN & NORTHERN IRELAND**

- What steps is the government of Tonga taking to establish a national human rights institution in accordance with Paris principles?
- What steps has Tonga taken toward acceding to or ratifying core human rights conventions and, in particular, does Tonga intend to become a party to CEDAW and/or ratify CPRD?
- What progress has Tonga made in addressing the issue of police violence and will Tonga initiate education programmes for its police officers?
- What assessment has the government of Tonga made on the effectiveness of the “Let Girls Be Girls” campaign in helping to reverse the growing trend of child marriage and shift societal attitudes?

### **GERMANY**

- When does the government of Tonga plan to ratify ICCPR, ICESCR, CEDAW and CAT?
- Which improvements have been made with respect to guaranteeing gender equality? Which further measures are planned in order to improve women’s rights and prevent discrimination?
- What kind of legal improvements have been made in order to meet the needs of persons with disabilities and which further measures are planned? Is there a timeframe for the ratification of CRPD?

### **SPAIN**

- What measures is the government of Tonga taking in order to improve the living conditions of people with disabilities and to eliminate all forms of discrimination against people with disabilities? What expected timeframe and concrete steps do the Japanese authorities consider taking in order to ratify the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities?
- The 2012 Freedom of Information Policy reinforced freedom of the press as recognized in article 7 of the Tongan Constitution. What measures have the Tongan authorities taken to ensure that the media can continue to exercise their responsibilities as guarantors of freedom of information and press with full independence?

- What measures has the government of Tonga taken to combat discrimination against the "Leiti" community?

## **SLOVENIA**

- With regard to Slovenia's recommendation to quickly ratify CEDAW, which didn't enjoy the support of Tonga during the 2<sup>nd</sup> UPR Cycle, we would like to ask if a strategy to eliminate discrimination, harmful practices and stereotypes against women and girls (in line with the CEDAW Convention) has already been put in place.