

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO SAMOA (SECOND BATCH)

SLOVENIA

- Slovenia notes the adoption of the Samoa Climate Change Policy 2020 and the Samoa 2040 policy document. How is Samoa currently implementing a human rights-based approach to climate change adaptation, mitigation and disaster risk reduction?

GERMANY

- Why has Samoa not ratified the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination? Is there any intention to do so in the near future?
- Samoa has the highest rate of domestic violence against women and girls among all Pacific island countries. The pandemic has significantly increased such violence. What measures is the Samoan government taking to address this?
- Child labor has also increased related to the pandemic. What measures is Samoa taking to counter this problem?

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- What measures will the Government of Samoa take to support the rehabilitation of returned deportees, especially those who have perpetrated violence and domestic violence?
- What measures is the Government of Samoa taking to ensure that juvenile offenders are housed separately from adults, and that prison guards and correction staff are adequately trained to meet their specific needs?
- What steps will the Government of Samoa take to enact a Freedom of Information Act, and how could international partners assist?
- What steps is the Government taking to prevent and respond to violence against women and girls and violence based on sexual orientation and gender identity?
- How will the Government of Samoa address the removal of constitutional protections of Land and Titles Court litigants to seek a fair trial in the Supreme Court and what measures will be taken to ensure the independence of judges and lawyers?

PANAMA

- Is Samoa envisaging to ratify the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination and the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime?
- What actions has Samoa taken to remove existing barriers, whether cultural, economic, institutional or religious, that prevent women from having a full and equal opportunity to gain access to positions of power at all levels, including in politics?
- What measures are being taken to combat sexual abuse and harassment by teachers in school, child labour, child marriage, and to reduce the high dropout rates at the secondary school level, in particular for pregnant girls?
- How does Samoa protect the human rights of its people and the environment in the context of the climate crisis, including safeguards to guarantee the protection of the rights of those potentially affected by mitigation and adaptation activities?
- What steps have been taken to decriminalize consensual sexual relations between adults whose gender expression is not heteronormative?