

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO MALTA

NETHERLANDS

- What steps will the Government of Malta take to ensure that the concluding observations made by the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child on the detention regime of unaccompanied minors are being addressed?
- What concrete steps have been taken since the installation of the current Government to ensure that Malta's immigration laws are in conformity with European Court of Human Rights' decision that Malta needs to take adequate measures to ensure that detainees are able to challenge the lawfulness of their immigration detention?
- What will the Government of Malta do to ensure the decriminalization of abortion, at the minimum in those situations where the life or health of the mother is at stake, in accordance with Malta's international obligations enshrined in the CEDAW, the ICCPR, the CAT and the ICESCR?
- Can the government confirm that same sex couples will have the opportunity to be joined in a civil union by 2014 and provide information on what steps need to be taken to change the law?

SWEDEN

- Can the Maltese government give assurances that it intends to abide by the rule in international law which forbids so-called "refoulement" of asylum-seekers?
- Is the Maltese government prepared to review its detention policy as regards asylum seekers and, as a short-term measure, implement the existing proposals for improved procedure and modalities as regards its asylum policy?