

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO CAMEROON

UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND

- We would be interested to hear what steps the government of Cameroon is taking towards decriminalising same-sex acts?
- Please could you elaborate on what your Government is doing to ensure that human rights defenders can carry out their work safely and without the threat of violent reprisals, as specified under UN guidelines?
- Do you have any plans to decriminalise journalistic offences such as libel?
- Are you currently considering any new legislation to specifically combat the high levels of violence against women in Cameroon?
- Please could you inform us of steps that are being taken towards fulfilling your commitment to criminalising female genital mutilation?

MONTENEGRO

- Question: Whether Cameroon would allow the visit of the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression, which has been agreed to in principle but not implemented. Elaborate on any steps taken to ensure the safety of journalists within Cameroon?
- Question: What further steps Cameroon can take to address instances of discrimination against indigenous people, especially concerning indigenous children in remote areas.

SLOVENIA

- Amidst reports about persistent discrimination against women in the country in law and in practice, including different forms of violence and discriminatory cultural practices, we would be interested to hear about legislative and other measures that the government of Cameroon envisages in order to effectively eliminate FGM and other forms of discrimination and violence against women. What is the expected time-frame for the adoption of the draft Law on the Prevention and Punishment of Violence against Women and Gender-based Discrimination?
- What are the intentions of Cameroon regarding the abolition of the death penalty (1st cycle recommendation by Slovenia)?

NETHERLANDS

- When will Cameroon ratify the Rome Statute and accede to the Agreement on Privileges and Immunities of the International Criminal Court (APIC) and implement the relevant provisions into national legislations?

CZECH REPUBLIC

- Can you inform us on progress with regard to Cameroon's accession to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court?
- Could you provide further information on specific measures undertaken to ensure the freedom of expression and safety of political opponents, journalists and human rights defenders?
- Cameroon is observing moratorium on the death penalty since 1997. Does the government of Cameroon consider accession to the Second Optional Protocol to the ICCPR and to abolish the death penalty?