

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO ALGERIA – ADD.1

IRELAND

- Will Algeria consider ratifying the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights?
- Will Algeria consider ratifying the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women?
- Ireland welcomes Algeria's decision to end the state of emergency on February 24th 2011. Will Algeria give consideration to amending laws governing freedom of assembly to bring them into line with international standards?
- Will Algeria give consideration to amending its laws on divorce to give equal treatment to men and women?

NETHERLANDS

- **Freedom of expression/ Human rights defenders**

The Netherlands would like to commend the Algerian government on its commitment towards political reform and the adoption of new legislation on information/ expression and association. However, restrictions in relation to freedom of assembly and freedom of expression and association remain (see A/HRC/WG.6/13/DZA/3, par. 18-23). To what extent does the Algerian Government consider further improvements in these areas?

- **Women's rights**

The Netherlands welcomes political reforms which are to ensure greater participation of women in political decision making processes. In which way however, does Algeria intend to further improve the position of women as enshrined in the Algerian Constitution and family law, granting same rights to both genders in cases of divorce and inheritance?

- **LGBT**

With regard to equality and non-discrimination, the Netherlands welcomes the commitment of Algeria in several areas as outlined in the National Report. The Netherlands would like to know which steps the Algerian Government intends to take in order to ensure non-discrimination on all grounds including sexual orientation, and ensuring the right to privacy of all its citizens?

SLOVENIA

- What steps has Algeria taken to adopt a legal framework to protect children from trafficking?
- Does Algeria consider of becoming a State Party to the OPCAT?

SWEDEN

- Sweden would like to commend the Government of Algeria for inviting seven UN Special Rapporteurs whereof five visited Algeria during 2011. It must be noted, however, that the Special Rapporteur on torture was not one of them. Could the Government of Algeria consider extending an invitation to the Special Rapporteur on torture to visit Algeria in the near future?
- Sweden finds it encouraging that the Government of Algeria has adopted a National Strategy for combating violence against women, including a plan of communication. However, no funding has of today been allocated for the execution of the strategy, and civil society organisations have reported that women in Algeria continue to face widespread domestic violence in addition to legal and social discriminations. Could the government of Algeria elaborate on what measures it is considering to strengthen existing efforts to combat violence against women?