

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO BENIN

DENMARK

- Recognizing the efforts that the government of Benin has already taken, corruption continues to be a serious concern in Benin. Which measures does the Government of Benin intend to take in order to effectively combat corruption among public officials, the police service, the judicial system and the law enforcement?
- Various legislative initiatives have been taken by the Government of Benin, but the respect and protection of children's rights continue to be major challenges in Benin. Reports about increasing numbers of children being victims of trafficking and economic exploitation, early and forced marriage and infanticide due to superstition and traditions are still widespread. Which measures does the Government intend to implement to provide all children with a safe and secure childhood?
- Despite a constitutional right of equality, women remain disadvantaged in Benin. Societal discrimination based on gender is widespread, and serious violations such as trafficking, rape, violence against women and female genital mutilation continue to prevail even though prohibited by law. Which measures does the Government of Benin intend to take in order to effectively combat discrimination against women and the violation of their rights?

GERMANY

- Which measures is Benin taking to effectively implement the law on the protection of women from domestic abuse which was passed in 2011?
- Which measures is Benin taking to effectively implement the prohibition of FGM?
- Does Benin have a strategy to fight corruption, especially in connection with the justice system?

NETHERLANDS

- The Netherlands welcomes the efforts undertaken by the government of Benin to combat female genital mutilation, such as programmes and projects implemented to inform and raise awareness of genital mutilation and several laws that have been publicized on this issue. Are these laws being enforced in all parts of the country, and what follow-up or ongoing activities does the government have planned for the future?

SLOVENIA

- What steps has Benin taken to ensure that the draft Children's Code prohibits all forms of violence against children, including corporal punishment, in all settings, including the home?
- According to the CESCR and ILO Committee of Experts, the issue of trafficking in human beings persists in the country. What concrete legislative, policy and other measures, including awareness-raising and training in judiciary and other fields, have been taken to address this phenomenon?

SPAIN

- ¿Cómo afronta el Gobierno de Benín el grave problema de la trata de niños y del trabajo infantil? ¿Qué medidas de protección está adoptando para proteger a las víctimas de estos crímenes?
- En marzo de 2011 el Subcomité para la Prevención de la Tortura visitó Benin y publicó posteriormente un informe, realizando una serie de recomendaciones y preguntas que pueden tenerse en cuenta a continuación: ¿han tenido lugar las reuniones de trabajo con los organismos pertinentes mencionados en dicho informe con el fin de examinar en qué medida se van a aplicar las recomendaciones relativas a la privación de libertad en comisarías de policía y gendarmerías? De haberse producido, ¿qué resultados han obtenido?