

## **ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO ECUADOR – ADD.1**

### **SWEDEN**

- In recent years the situation regarding freedom of opinion and expression, the freedom of the press in Ecuador, has been highlighted due to a number of high profile cases. In addition, there is currently a bill in parliament, which if it is passed will negatively impact on the right to freedom of opinion and expression. In what ways will the government of Ecuador reverse this trend and promote and protect the right to freedom of opinion and expression?
- Despite national plans, domestic violence and sexual violence against women continues to be widespread. Women report that the police and the judiciary system have, at times, been passive when abuses are reported and the number of non-recorded cases is estimated to be high. What measures will the government of Ecuador undertake to create a system which encourages women to press charges, and what further measures will the government of Ecuador take in order to eradicate violence against women?