

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO ZAMBIA

DENMARK

- Could the Government of Zambia give a status on the current line of thinking in the government on the issue of a possible abolition of the death penalty – including the possibility of ratifying the necessary international conventions in this regard?
- During the last UPR review process in 2008, the Government of Zambia accepted a recommendation aimed at improving the living conditions of detainees and securing its prioritization. What progress has been made on the issue of improving the conditions in Zambian prisons with a specific mentioning of the following concerns (inter alia): The issue of overcrowding/overpopulation of prisons, securing that no prisoners are treated in a degrading manner and the improvement of health conditions in prisons.
- Since the 2008 UPR review, progress has been made concerning the importance of gender in national development both from an institutional point of view with the establishment of a Ministry of Gender and Child Development and from a legal point of view. Still, however, major challenges exist both when it comes to legal practices (securing that the cultural and traditional beliefs practiced in customary law applied by the Local Courts do not lead to discrimination against women – also in the constitution - as well as training of judges) and the process of domesticating human rights instruments that the Government of Zambia are already a signatory to. Lastly, the issue of implementing the decision to get more women in high positions in the public sector should be addressed. Could the Government of Zambia please give its view on how to secure the necessary progress on these issues?

GERMANY

- Germany commends the Zambian Government for its promise of realizing a new constitution which is aimed at further strengthening democracy, the rule of law and human rights - including economic, social and cultural rights - throughout Zambia. What are the Government's next planned steps in order to bring the constitutional reform process to a successful conclusion?"

SPAIN

- ¿Qué medidas ha adoptado el Gobierno para combatir las diferencias en la educación infantil entre las zonas rurales y las zonas urbanas?
- ¿Qué medidas prevé adoptar el Gobierno de Zambia para mejorar las condiciones de reclusión en sus cárceles? ¿Qué iniciativas va a adoptar el Gobierno para combatir la alta tasa de prevalencia de VIH/sida en las cárceles?

- En el marco del respeto a la libertad de expresión ¿qué medidas va a tomar para que la ley adoptada en 2009 que prevé un registro de las ONG, a punto de entrar en vigor, no sea utilizada para restringir la labor de colectivos que pudiesen ser particularmente críticos con las autoridades de Zambia?