

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO ZAMBIA – ADD.2

NETHERLANDS

- How is the government of Zambia planning to follow up on the recommendations by its National Aids Council, and will MSM be included in the governmental HIV/Aids policies?
- Will the government of Zambia consider to adopt policies in order to prevent the transmission of HIV/aids in prisons? Does the government of Zambia have any plans as to amend its Criminal Code by decriminalizing same-sex activity between consenting adults in accordance with the recommendation of the Human Rights Committee?
- Does the government of Zambia plan to finalize the Access to Information Bill, as promised by the government when coming to power?
- The Netherlands regrets the repeated calls by government officials to close down independent news-sites on the internet and instances when sites were temporarily blocked. The Netherlands is concerned that the recently started exercise to register all sim cards will provide government with the opportunity to monitor the access to internet via cell phones, without clear safeguards. What does the government of Zambia plan to do to prevent the limiting, monitoring and restriction of internet access in the future?

UNITED KINGDOM

- We welcome the recent announcement of a \$15.6 billion programme to combat gender based violence. Could Zambia elaborate on its plans to reduce violence against women and improve gender equality in Zambia?
- We welcome that Zambia has not carried out an execution since 1997, while noting that death sentences continue to be given. We would be grateful to know what Zambia's intention is on the future of the death penalty; and whether consideration will be given to abolition in the new constitution?
- We would appreciate an update on whether the new Constitution will recognise and protect the rights of sexual minorities? More specifically, we would be grateful to know whether homosexuality will be decriminalised?
- We note reports about prison conditions in Zambia, including problems with malnutrition, overcrowding, medical care, and the risk of rape or torture. We would be grateful to know what steps is Zambia taking to address these concerns?
- We welcome Zambia's commitment to eliminating human trafficking. We note that the Government does not yet fully comply with the minimum standards for

the elimination of trafficking but continues to make significant efforts to do so. We would be grateful if the government of Zambia could assure us that Zambia will work towards implementing the 2008 anti trafficking act in its entirety?