

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO CYPRUS-Add.2

THE NETHERLANDS

- Which legislation and specific measures has Cyprus undertaken in relation to previous concerns of CAT and the European Committee on the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman and Degrading Treatment or Punishment about physical ill-treatment by the police? Has the implementation of legislation in this area been evaluated?
- In 2006 CEDAW urged Cyprus to adopt a comprehensive and systematic approach to gender equality policies. Particular concern was expressed about patriarchal attitudes, deep-rooted traditional social prejudices and stereotyped attitudes. What measures has Cyprus undertaken to eliminate stereotyping associated with traditional gender roles in the family and society? Has Cyprus launched any awareness campaigns in this context?
- The Netherlands remains concerned about domestic violence against women and children as raised by CESCRC and CRC. Has Cyprus set up specialized shelters for victims of violence, as urged by CESCRC? What would be the capacity of such shelters? Are there reliable statistics on domestic violence?
- The Netherlands shares concerns expressed in the reports submitted for this review on human trafficking and especially the trafficking of women. What measures has Cyprus undertaken to ensure strict control over the new work permit system and to bring to justice those involved in human trafficking? What is the work programme of the national coordinator and the multidisciplinary group foreseen by the new Law for Combating Trafficking and Exploitation of Human Beings and for the Protection of Victims?
- The stakeholders report states under 12 that ILGA Europe reports that lesbians, gay and bisexual persons enjoy legal protection against discrimination in the areas of employment through the transposition of the EU Employment Framework Directive. ILGA Europe and AKOK note that the implementation however fails to ensure the repeal of old discriminatory laws and provisions, a effective dialogue with concerned civil society, the provision of information to concerned groups and sufficient resources for the Equality Body. How does Cyprus plan to work towards full implementation in practice of the directive? Has Cyprus launched any awareness campaigns in this context?
