

## ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO GUINEA-BISSAU – ADD.2

### NETHERLANDS

- **Discrimination**

Guinea Bissau was advised to include in its legislation – in line with international conventions – the principle of non-discrimination, especially non-discrimination of women. Could the Government inform the Council of progress in this area?

- **Position of handicapped children**

In 2002, the Committee on the Rights of the Child (CRC) was concerned, inter alia, that the rights of children with disabilities were very poorly respected and that societal discrimination was prevalent against them. It recommended that Guinea-Bissau should develop or amend legislation to ensure that discrimination on the grounds of disability is prohibited. Has this legislation been forwarded to parliament now?

- **Detention facilities**

In 2009, the Security Council condemned the recent cases of arbitrary detentions, armed attacks and intimidation, and demanded the full protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms of the people of Guinea-Bissau. Furthermore, the Secretary-General reported that during visits in detention centres on 7 October 2008, UNOGBIS verified several human rights violations. Following the visits, several recommendations were made, including the creation and promotion of weekly medical assistance for detainees in all prison facilities; the establishment of additional centres and specific security measures for children and adolescents, as well as special detention facilities for women; the adoption of mechanisms for the provision of water and food in the prison centres of the judicial police and the Segunda Esquadra police station; and the closure of the underground detention cells of the Primeira and Segunda Esquadra police stations in Bissau. Could the Government inform the Council on the follow-up that it has given to these recommendations?

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