

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO IRELAND

UNITED KINGDOM

- Please can you tell us how you incorporated civil society in the preparation of your national report and how you will include them in the follow-up?
- What is your assessment of the likely impact of budget cuts on the work of the Irish Human Rights Commission and its ability to conform to the Paris principles?
- What progress has there been on the establishment of a new standalone Agency to protect children's rights, as recommended in the Ryan Report Implementation Plan?
- Please could you tell us what progress there has been on your preparation to ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment?
- What progress has there been on addressing the problems with prison accommodation and what is the time-table for refurbishment?
- What progress has been made on establishing an expert group to implement the European Court of Human Rights' judgment in the A, B and C v Ireland case? Will its recommendations include the introduction of legislation on abortions?
- Do you have any plans to introduce new guidelines on the streamlining of the naturalisation process of foreign nationals and establish a new appeals system?