

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO THE NETHERLANDS – ADD.2

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- Dutch civil society organizations encourage the government to combat intolerance in society by inter alia promoting more fact based political debates and broadening the discussions on immigration. Will the government follow-up these recommendations, and if so; how?
- Is there according to the government room for improvements in Dutch policies on prostitution and human trafficking? The Netherlands lifted the ban on brothels in 2000. Has this in view of the government had the anticipated effects in areas such as safety and health?
- Are any developments to be expected in the near future as regards accession to international treaties in the field of human rights? If so, please elaborate.
- We note that the national report has been prepared in consultation with NGOs and agencies set up to protect human rights. Are there particular lessons learnt from this approach that the government might want to expand on?