

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO MOROCCO

DENMARK

- What strategies is Morocco planning to address gender based violence (GBV), and do they include involving men and youth in preventive measures?
- Does Morocco plan to create shelters for women victims of GBV?
- What judicial reforms will Morocco implement to safeguard freedom of press and ensure freedom of expression? What will Morocco do to counter the tendency to self-censorship?
- What does Morocco intend to do to ensure the rights of minors and to protect them from forced marriage? Does Morocco intend to ratify the Convention on Consent to Marriage, Minimum Age for Marriage and Registration of Marriages?

IRELAND

- Will Morocco consider ratifying the Second Optional Protocol to the International Convention on Civil and Political Rights?
- Will Morocco consider ratifying the Optional Protocol to the CEDAW?
- Will Morocco give consideration to updating its Press Code?
- Will Morocco consider extending an invite to the UN Special Rapporteur on Human Rights Defenders?
- Will Morocco consider repealing aspects of its penal code that do not provide protection to victims such as Art 475 that permits perpetrators of rape to marry their victim to evade prosecution?

SLOVENIA

- What are the positive impacts of Moroccan accession to the International Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and its optional protocol, and of the national action plan regarding the rights of persons with disabilities, on the Moroccan society?
- What is the current state of play regarding the status of ratification of the Optional Protocol to CEDAW?

- Is Morocco considering issuing a standing invitation to UN special procedure mandates holders?

UNITED KINGDOM

- We welcome the prominence of human rights in Morocco's new Constitution and the creation of the National Council for Human Rights (CNDH). We would be grateful if you could provide further information on the CNDH's interaction with civil society.
- Can Morocco provide an update on steps it is taking to prevent torture, in particular: when will ratification of OPCAT be completed?; when will the required monitoring body will be formally appointed?; and what progress has been made in implementing the recommendations issued in December 2011 by the UN Committee against Torture?
- What actions will Morocco take to safeguard freedom of expression in the media and avoid the issuing of prison sentences to journalists?
- The UK is concerned that 23 prisoners arrested in the Gdeim Izik incidents in 2010 remain detained without trial in excess of the 12 months permitted under Moroccan law. What steps will Morocco take to ensure a timely trial for these detainees?
- How does Morocco plan to ensure that the measures outlined in the new Constitution to safeguard gender equality are implemented in practice with particular regards to equality under the law on inheritance, custody and marriage?