

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO ITALY- ADD.2

NETHERLANDS

- Within the international community concerns have been expressed regarding the Italian-Libyan agreement to prevent ships with immigrants to go to Italy. Could you elaborate on this issue and explain how Italy makes sur a proper assessment is made of the possible protection needs of these migrants before they are sent back to Libya, and that asylum-seekers are offered the opportunity to apply for asylum and have their asylum claim assessed individually?
- What concrete initiatives will be taken by the Italian government to stimulate tolerance and prevent discrimination and xenophobia and to protect the rights of migrants and stimulate the integration of legal migrants in the society? Specifically with regard to discrimination against Roma and Sinti does a national action plan exist to promote integration into local communities, to offer equal job opportunities and education and to recognize Roma and Sinti as national minorities?
- What is your assessment of the situation in Italian prisons and is the Italian government working on further initiatives?
- Does the Italian government have a national programme to protect lesbians, gays, bisexuals and transgenders (LGBT) against violence based on sexual orientation, and to promote the integration of LGBT-people in the society (e.g. via education)? Is the government considering to activate the commission led by the Department of Equal Opportunities to discuss LGBT-issues together with relevant NGOs?
- Is the Italian government planning to bring ‘torture’ into your domestic law (now only in military code)? If not, how to deal with these kind of cases if there is no other violation of the law which gives you the right to prosecute?
- The Human Rights Committee has expressed concern on the issue of political influence over public television channels, of conflict of interests and on the high level of concentration of the audio visual market. Concern was expressed that the situation could undermine freedom of expression. Is the Italian government preparing initiatives to prevent media concentration?
