

## ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

### **MEXICO**

- What are the internal obstacles that the UAE government has faced to accede to the core human rights instruments of which they are not yet party, including the ICCPR and the ICESCR?
- Does the Children's Rights Bill contemplate any initiative to raise the minimum age of criminal responsibility and/or avoid that the death penalty could be applied to children?
- Which progresses and challenges have been identified so far in the implementation process of the CAT, recently ratified by the UAE government (July 2012)?

### **UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAN AND NORTHERN IRELAND**

- The recommendation during the UAE's 2008 UPR to reform the 1980 law on publications and all other related laws to take into account the evolution of freedom of expression and opinion was accepted by the UAE. However, there have been reports that freedom of expression has been suppressed in the UAE. The UK would like to know, what steps the UAE has taken and plans to take to ensure that freedom of expression is upheld?
- We would be grateful for an update on the steps taken in the UAE to ratify the Rome statute of the International Criminal Court, and to know when ratification will be complete?
- Following acceptance of the UK's recommendation in 2008, we would appreciate an update on the UAE's continued dialogue with civil society in the follow-up to and implementation of the previous review (as well as preparation for the coming review), and what steps have been taken to establish a standing forum to facilitate such dialogue and enable greater mutual understanding?
- Following the UAE's ratification of the Convention Against Torture in July 2012, is the UAE considering becoming party to the Optional Protocol to the Convention Against Torture (OPCAT)?
- We note in your national report that the Government is giving serious consideration to the possibility of establishing a National Human Rights Institution in conformity with the Paris Principles. We would be grateful to know when the Government will reach this decision?

### **SWEDEN**

- How does the UAE Government ensure that freedom of expression also fully applies to the Internet?

- What efforts are taken by the UAE Government to ensure that sponsors and employers fully respect the rights of migrant workers and domestic workers’?

## **NETHERLANDS**

- In 2008 the Netherlands recommended considering the establishment of an NHRI in the UAE. Could you elaborate on the developments on this matter?