

## ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO ROMANIA

### **UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN & NORTHERN IRELAND**

- In light of your ratification of the OPCAT and subsequent postponement of the designation of your National Preventive Mechanism (NPM), what concrete steps have you taken towards the establishment or designation of an NPM and to provide it with the necessary resources to fulfil the requirements of the OPCAT?
- We would be grateful for information on the extent to which civil society and your National Human Rights Institution are involved in the UPR process.
- Please can you provide information on your government's efforts to improve the situation of children being kept in institutions?

### **SLOVENIA**

- How will Romania ensure effective enforcement of the anti-discrimination legislation in order to guarantee the equal treatment of Roma in all social sectors?
- How will Romania reinforce measures to protect victims of trafficking, paying due regard to the special situation of child victims, regardless of whether or not they had agreed to participate in criminal proceedings?
- Does Romania intend to penalize publications, media outlets, political parties and politicians who are using racial stereotyping and hate speech against minorities, particularly the Roma, and how will Romania promote tolerance among ethnic groups?

### **MEXICO**

- In line with the recently ratified Optional Protocol of the Convention Against Torture (OPCAT), when exactly does the Romanian Government plan to fully adopt the National Preventive Mechanism (NPM)?
- Which obstacles has the Romanian Government identified to fully harmonize its legislation with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities?

### **NORWAY**

- What concrete measures is the Romanian Government planning to take in order to improve the situation of Roma and other vulnerable groups in Romania?

- What concrete measures does the Romanian government take to prevent trafficking in human beings?
- Which obstacles remain in order to be able to classify Romania's media as fully independent? How will you provide for these obstacles to be removed?

## **SWEDEN**

- What other measures is the Romanian Government considering in view of keeping Roma children in school and reintegrating those that have dropped out?
- What measures is the Romanian Government considering for decreasing the risk factors associated with trafficking of children and women?

## **NETHERLANDS**

- **LGBT rights**  
Although the Romanian legislation allows freedom of sexual orientation, the members of the LGBT community in Romania continue to face severe discrimination in society. How does the Romanian Government plan to actively get involved in combating this and ensuring the human rights of LGBT?
- **SRHR rights**  
Romania currently lacks an active strategy in the field of sexual and reproductive health, although the country ranks among the firsts in the EU on number of teen-age pregnancies; abortion and lack of access to reproductive health services. To what extent does the Romanian Government plan to elaborate and implement a strategy that would address these problems?