

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO SAINT KITTS AND NEVIS – Add.1

NETHERLANDS

Domestic violence

- While noting paragraphs 84, 85 and 86 of the national report on the measures taken to prevent and eliminate domestic violence, in light of the concerns raised by CEDAW, reiterated in paragraph 15 of the OHCHR compilation, on the persistent high level of domestic violence, what further measures does the Government intend to take to ensure the effective elimination of domestic violence?

Violence against children

- With reference to the measures elaborated on in paragraphs 57 and 58 of the national report to counter child abuse and to support victims of abuse, and in light of remarks in paragraph 16 of the OHCHR compilation on the occurrence of child abuse, can the Government elaborate on what kind of assistance it offers to abused children and how it ensures that these children are not placed back into the same negative environment?

Detention conditions

- With reference to paragraph 83 of the national report on the overcrowding of the State Prison, what short term measures does the Government intend to take to improve the conditions in the prison and detention facilities to ensure compliance with international standards?

Police abuse

- In the light of complaints about abuse of authority by police officers, can the Government elaborate on measures it takes to further improve professionalism of the police force? To what extent have the police complaints procedure been instrumental in fostering such improvement?

SLOVENIA

- What measures have been taken to prevent the violations of physical integrity of children, especially in the form of corporal punishment and sexual abuse?

UNITED KINGDOM

- We should be grateful if you would provide information on the extent to which civil society in St. Kitts and Nevis was consulted in the preparation of your national report.
- Please could you inform us whether an independent national human rights institution exists in St. Kitts and Nevis and operates in accordance with the Paris principles designed to guide the practice of such institutions?

- Could you indicate whether the Government plans to sign the Convention on Rights of Persons with Disabilities and whether there are any plans to revise building codes to meet international standards?
- Could you please tell us what plans are in place to address overcrowding within HM Prison in Basseterre and which would also ensure minimum international standards are met, such as separation of juvenile offenders from adults ? We would also be interested to hear of any plans to construct a new facility including utilising European Union Development Funding?
- Could you elaborate on how the Government of St. Kitts and Nevis is working to develop awareness of, and reduce the incidence of, violence against women and all other forms of domestic violence and whether the government has considered signing the UN Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women?
- Could you indicate whether the Government has plans to decriminalise consensual sex between same-sex adults and remove legal provisions which discriminate in any way against LGBT persons?
- Could you tell us what provisions are in place to ensure that prisoners on death row are granted their legal right to explore all avenues of appeal available to them and whether the Government of St. Kitts and Nevis has any plans to abolish the death penalty?
- Could you tell us whether the Government of St. Kitts and Nevis has any plans to review criminal justice procedures in order to reduce the length of detention without trial