

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE

GERMANY

- Although Sao Tome and Principe made great progress in their school system in the last years CRC recommended to further develop school curricula to ensure their conformity with the aims set out in the Convention. CRC recommended also to facilitate access to education for boys and girls from rural and last developed areas, to take measures to decrease drop-out rate and to reduce repeaters and illiteracy rates. Germany would be grateful for information how Sao Tome and Principe is following-up on these recommendations.

LATVIA

- According to the information by the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, 73 countries from different regions of the world have issued standing invitations to all special procedures of the Human Rights Council. While no requests have been made by special procedures mandate holders to visit Sao Tome and Principe – would your country consider extending a standing invitation to all special procedures of the Human Rights Council in the future?

SWEDEN

- Sweden would like to ask the Government of Sao Tome and Principe what measures it is undertaking to improve the living conditions in its prison facilities in order to bring them into line with international standards?
- Could the Government of Sao Tome and Principe kindly elaborate on what actions are taken to ensure the full enjoyment of freedom of expression and of the press of its citizens?
- Does the Government intend to ratify the International Convention on Civil and Political Rights and its Optional Protocols in the near future?