

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO PALAU – Add.1

CZECH REPUBLIC

- Could you brief us on what steps has the Government of Palau taken to implement recommendations of the Committee on the Rights of the Child, especially concerning the prohibition of corporal punishment in schools and within the family?
- We welcome that Palau is currently undergoing further consultations on the establishment of its human rights institution. Could you please elaborate further on the process?
- There is no protection in the criminal law for women sexually assaulted by their husbands in Palau. What steps the Government of Palau is going to take to provide married women with an adequate juridical protection against such assaults?
- As stated in the National Report, almost a third of the country's population comprises foreign workers; there is little protection available to ensure they enjoy their basic rights, and many of their rights are violated. For example, national law prohibits "transfers" of migrant workers from one employer to another, unless they return to their home country for seven years and then returns to Palau to a different employer. Additionally, legislation provides for minimum wage for residents, but not migrant workers. How does the Government of Palau address the issue?
- Does the Government of Palau intend to raise the minimum age for criminal responsibility that is currently 10 years?
- While we welcome that Palau has enacted The Anti-People Smuggling and Trafficking Act, the decision of the Palau's Government to cooperate with relevant embassies as well as the decision of the Palau Bureau of Immigration and Bureau of Labor and Human Resources to formulate a plan to address the problems of human trafficking. Could you please elaborate on the implementation of the measures?
- We note that children born of foreign parents adopted by the Palauans cannot hold the Palauan citizenship and are not granted the same privileges as the Palauans. We welcome the initiative, addressed in the Palau National Youth Policy, to amend the Constitution to give eligibility of citizenship. Could you please elaborate further on the implementation of the initiative?

SLOVENIA

- Does the Government of Palau plan to undertake some concrete steps in order to translate the various international human rights instruments into the indigenous language?

- Is the Government developing a strategy for human rights education of its citizens?