

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO THE PHILIPPINES – ADD.3

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Women's rights

- Iceland congratulates the Philippines on the adoption of the Magna Carta of Women, establishing a legal foundation for equality between women and men. In order to guarantee de jure and de facto gender equality on all fronts, both public and private, Iceland encourages the Philippines to ensure full and effective implementation of the Magna Carta of Women by means of, inter alia, reviewing of domestic legislation with a view to eliminate discriminatory provisions and subsequently the necessary and appropriate restructuring of administration to eradicate inequitable and prejudiced practises.

The rights of the child

- Iceland recognises the many steps the Philippines have taken towards the elimination of trafficking in humans. However, Iceland remains concerned about the great number of reports of trafficking and sexual exploitation and other violence against children in, or originating in, the Philippines. Iceland recommends the Philippines to greatly increase their efforts in combatting human trafficking and sexual and other exploitation of children by means of, inter alia, taking all necessary measures to prevent impunity of perpetrators and bring them to justice, guarantee the effective implementation and enforcement of all recommendations of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child as well as full and effective implementation of the relevant domestic law, including training of officials and restructuring of administration, as well as engaging in a closer cooperation with all significant international special procedures and treaty bodies.