

## ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO UKRAINE

### **DENMARK**

- How will the Ukrainian authorities work to ensure the principle of non-refoulement in line with UNHCR Guidelines?
- What concrete measures is Ukraine planning to take to prevent the occurrence of torture?
- What measures are taken in order to assist victims of trafficking in human beings? How many shelters for such victims are in operation countrywide?

### **NETHERLANDS**

- In 2011 the special rapporteur on human rights defenders expressed concern at the reported increase of violence and harassment at human rights defenders. How does the government of Ukraine intend to protect human rights activists and organisations against arrest, detention and violence, to create an environment in which they can safely do their work?
- The Netherlands are pleased with the fact that Ukraine in 2006 adopted an Equal Rights and Opportunities Act. However, noting the high gender wage gap and discriminatory recruitment practices and sexual harassment at the workplace, does the government of Ukraine intend to take action to amend legislation or to strengthen the complaints and sanctions mechanism?
- The Netherlands has taken note of the recent proposals of Law No. 10290 and 8711 that would prohibit the 'promotion' of homosexuality. We were pleased to hear that this law was withdrawn. We are curious to know whether there is a chance that this law will be presented to Parliament again and, if so, how it relates to Ukraine's commitment to International Human Rights Law like ECHR and ICCPR, which are ratified by Ukraine and include non-discrimination provisions?
- Is the government of Ukraine intending to ratify the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence?

### **SPAIN**

- ¿Qué medidas ha adoptado el Gobierno de Ucrania para asegurar la equidad en el acceso a los medios de comunicación de las diferentes fuerzas políticas concurrentes durante las elecciones del día 28 de octubre?
- ¿Qué medidas ha pensado adoptar el Gobierno de Ucrania para garantizar que los defensores de derechos humanos puedan llevar a cabo su labor en el país sin

ser el objetivo de amenazas y ataques, así como para evitar que los crímenes contra defensores de derechos humanos permanezcan impunes?

- ¿Qué medidas podría aplicar el Gobierno de Ucrania para profundizar en la lucha contra la trata de seres humanos y asegurar la protección de sus víctimas?