

## ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO FIJI

### **BELGIUM**

- Is the Government of Fiji considering issuing a standing invitation to the special procedures?
- Does the Government of Fiji intend to respond positively to the request of the Special Rapporteur on Human rights defenders to visit the country?
- The Government of Fiji has agreed in principle to the visit of the special rapporteur on the Independence of judges and lawyers. Have dates been set for this visit?
- Is the Government of Fiji considering ratifying the human rights conventions and optional protocols to which it is not yet a party, namely the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and its Optional Protocol, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and its Optional Protocol, the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and its Optional Protocol, the International Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, and the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance?
- Is the Government of Fiji considering accepting the individual complaints procedure under all the human rights conventions to which it is already a State party?
- Is the Government of Fiji considering to align its national legislation with the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, including by incorporating provisions to cooperate promptly and fully with the ICC and to investigate and prosecute genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes effectively before its national courts?
- Is the Government of Fiji considering acceding to the Agreement on Privileges and Immunities of the ICC (APIC)?
- Is the Government of Fiji considering effectively abolishing the death penalty, including in the Military Code?
- Since Fiji still maintains the death penalty, we would like to inquire, for the sake of transparency, how many individuals are currently on death row?
- What measures is the Government of Fiji considering taking to fight impunity when it comes to acts of torture and ill-treatment by military and police forces?
- Is the Government of Fiji considering taking legislative steps to ensure that all judges have security of tenure and that they can only be appointed or removed through an independent and transparent process consistent with international human rights law and

standards?

## **LIECHTENSTEIN**

- Liechtenstein recognises Fiji's membership in the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and the adoption of legislation which partially implement the provisions of the Rome Statute into domestic legislation.
- What steps has Fiji taken to fully align its national legislation with the Rome Statute, including by incorporating the definition of crimes and principles of cooperation and acceding to the Agreement on Privileges and Immunities of the Court (APIC)?
- What steps has Fiji taken to ratify the Kampala amendments to the Rome Statute?

## **NETHERLANDS**

- Can the Government indicate which specific measures are being adopted to ensure equality and non-discrimination between men and women in law and practice, including in access to land, employment and economic and political participation?
- Which concrete measures will the Government take to end violence against women and to effectively implement the national Gender Strategy?
- Which measures will the Government take to address the underrepresentation of minorities in the public service and to improve their level of participation in public administration and politics?

## **UNITED KINGDOM**

- How do you plan to ease the restrictive media framework to promote greater freedom of expression and less self-censorship?
- What are you doing, particularly with civil society, to reduce levels of violence against women and children and to ensure Fiji's legislative framework is compliant with the Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW)?
- What plans do you have to reduce restrictions on the ability of organisations to associate and assemble freely in public, particularly civil society groups and human rights defenders?
- Please provide an update on what steps the authorities are taking to address concerns about police brutality, and whether previous cases have been fully investigated.
- Please provide an update on what progress Fiji has made since its last review towards ratifying the Convention Against Torture (CAT).

