

## ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO AUSTRIA – ADD.1

### **MEXICO**

- What measures have been taken to reduce the gender pay gap? What further measures are envisioned?
- What are the existing mechanisms to eliminate violence against women, including domestic violence?
- How do you guarantee the autonomy of the Austrian Ombudsman Board? How are its budgetary and human resources assigned?

### **NETHERLANDS**

#### Same-sex partnerships

- What steps has the government taken to ensure that same-sex partnerships enjoy the same rights as opposite-sex partnerships?

#### Torture and ill-treatment

- Is the government of Austria planning to withdraw its reservations to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment?
- Which steps has the government taken to ensure independent investigation and statistical monitoring of allegations of ill-treatment by law enforcement officials?

#### Detention for juveniles

- How has the government ensured that the needs of juvenile offenders are met, including the need for alternatives to detention?

### **NORWAY**

- At the 2011 UPR for Austria, Norway and other countries recommended that Austria amend the Equal Treatment Act to harmonize existing legislation, especially when it comes to providing equal protection on **all** grounds of discrimination. We note that no political consensus followed by legal changes have been made to this effect so far. How does Austria plan to move forward on this matter?

### **SWEDEN**

- What actions are taken in order to provide men and women with equal life opportunities, i.e. improve women's participation in the labour force, reduce the

gender pay gap and encourage further male participation in family life?

- Sweden acknowledges the efforts from Austria in order to receive and accommodate the significant influx of migrants seeking refuge in the European Union. The amount of asylum-seekers has risen rapidly, hence presenting challenges to the capacity of Austria and its federal states to ensure satisfactory conditions (including the provision of reception centres) and adequate asylum proceedings (including speeding up the processing of requests from unaccompanied minors). What efforts have been taken, and will be taken, by the Government in order to ensure and improve the full implementation for respect and protection of the rights of refugees and asylum-seekers?
- Sweden would like to ask the Government of Austria to elaborate on what actions are taken, and have been taken since the last Universal Periodic Review 2011, to protect all persons residing in the territory of Austria from abuse and the use of excessive force by the police?

#### **UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND**

- What steps is Austria taking to provide comprehensive protection against discrimination, including to address Islamophobia, in society and the political discourse? In particular, could you provide information on relevant anti-discrimination measures set out in the National Action Plan for Integration?
- How does Austria plan to address inequality in relation to same sex partnerships to ensure full equality under the law?
- Could you provide information on consultations with civil society in the development of the forthcoming National Action Plan on Human Rights?