

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO ICELAND

GERMANY

- Has the government of Iceland taken up concrete measures to ratify CRS? If so, could you outline these steps.
- What steps has the government of Iceland taken to establish a national human rights institution, fully compliant with the Paris Principles and in consultation with civil society, and drawing on the expertise, experience and network of the Icelandic Human Rights Centre (ICEHR) in this process.

MEXICO

- Mexico welcomes the recent ratification of the CRPD. Could you share information on the measures that Iceland is intending to undertake in order to implement its provisions?
- What measures have been taken to strengthen the protection framework for the rights of the child, prevent child abuse, exploitation and violence? What progress has been made in order to facilitating access to justice and legal aid, as well as medical and psychological support to victims of abuse?
- Could you share information on the measures taken to grant foreign workers a no less favorable treatment than that which is granted to nationals in respect to restrictions, requirements and working conditions, as recommended by CERD and accepted by Iceland in the previous cycle?

SWEDEN

- With increased tourism and a boom in housing/hotel construction the Icelandic unemployment rate is among the lowest in Europe. However, challenges caused by trafficking and exploitation of migrants on the labour market still remain. What is the Government of Iceland doing to address these problems?

UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND

- What steps is Iceland taking towards the ratification of the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture (OPCAT), which it signed in 2003?
- What plans does Iceland have for implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities?
- Given that Iceland is receiving record numbers of asylum seekers, what advance steps is the Icelandic government taking to prevent potential rises in xenophobia, as seen elsewhere in Europe?