

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO UKRAINE (FIRST BATCH)

BRAZIL

- While welcoming the June 2016 amendment to the Constitution, which paves the way for strengthening the rule of law through an independent judiciary and transparent procedures for the appointment and dismissal of judges, Brazil would like to learn more on measures to regulate and implement it.
- What steps have been taken to legally define and criminalize gender-based violence?

GERMANY

- Germany welcomes the ongoing prison reform and commends Ukraine for the efforts already made to improve the situation of prisoners, in particular of juvenile prisoners.

Germany would like to know by which means Ukraine will guarantee that prisoners obtain necessary medical treatments and how Ukraine will ensure that necessary financial means will be allocated in order to permit urgent repairs.

- More than three years after the events, the perpetrators of the crimes at the Maidan and on May 2nd, 2014, in Odessa have not been brought to justice. According to OCHCR reports, neither have perpetrators of grave violations of human rights in the government-controlled zone of conflict been brought to justice.

Which initiatives Ukraine will take to improve the effectiveness of the law-enforcement system as to exclude impunity regarding grave violations of human rights?

- Germany commends Ukraine for improvements regarding the situation of the LGTBI community. Notably the Kyiv Pride events of 2016 and 2017 were successful. However, we are worried about reports of aggression against members of the community in smaller villages and rural areas and of attacks against peaceful assemblies. Reports about lack of effective law enforcement adds to our worries.

Therefore, we would like to know by which means the rights of LGBTI in the country at large are to be protected?

- The Roma minority is still victim of discrimination and violent attacks.

By which means will Ukraine protect their rights?

SLOVENIA

- Gender based and in particular sexual violence is associated with all military conflicts. There are reports that the problem has increased significantly over the past few years. What steps does the government of Ukraine intend to undertake to provide assistance to the victims, including domestic violence?

SWEDEN

- Sweden welcomes the amendment to the election law in 2013, introducing a mandatory 30 % share of female participation on party lists. Considering that participation of women in the Rada is about 10%, how does the Government intend to ensure better gender balance?
- In the latest OHCHR report on Ukraine Sweden notes with concern reports of continued sexual violence in the government-controlled parts of eastern Ukraine, and that these crimes are generally underreported. What action does the Government intend to take to reduce the widespread impunity for sexual violence?