

## **ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION (THIRD BATCH)**

### **SPAIN**

- Spain welcomes the creation of a Working Group led by the Russian Ombudsman to investigate the alleged violations of LGTB human rights in Chechenia. Could you elaborate further on the results of the investigation?
- Is there any training program to promote the knowledge of international human rights instruments among legal practitioners, prison staff and security forces in Russia?
- Is the Russian Federation already working on a strategy for the deinstitutionalization of boys and girls with disabilities as recommended by the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities on its latest recommendations?
- Which obstacles are delaying the ratification of the European Convention on Nationality (signed in 1997)?

### **BELGIUM**

- Is the Russian Federation considering ratifying the International Convention for the Protection of all Persons from Enforced Disappearance as well as the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty, the Optional Protocol to the international Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities?
- Is the Russian Federation considering ratifying the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure?
- What measures does the government of the Russian Federation take to promote and support the work of human rights defenders who contribute to the awareness of citizens with regard to their human rights, be it economic, social and cultural rights or political and civil rights?
- What measures is the Government of the Russian Federation considering to translate into practice its international obligations with regard to Freedom of Religion or Belief, specifically where communities peacefully practicing their religious beliefs are concerned?
- What measures is the Government of the Russian Federation taking to ensure that acts of violence based on gender, gender identity or sexual orientation are investigated independently across the country, that perpetrators are held accountable and that victims are provided with remedy and reintegration?