

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO URUGUAY (SECOND BATCH)

BELARUS

- **Subject 1**

The United Nations country team said that Uruguay was dealing with a crisis in its prison system and that the number of people deprived of their liberty had risen steadily. It also said there were some prisons still characterized by overcrowding and the use of prolonged or solitary confinement and that the violence in the prisons was troubling, owing to the poor conditions of detention. The High Commissioner expressed concern about the reportedly “appalling and inhumane” conditions in many detention centres. The Committee against Torture was concerned about the shortcomings of medical care, water supply, sanitation and ventilation in cells. The United Nations country team raised similar concerns.

The Committee against Torture recommended that Chile implement, inter alia, the following measures:

- (a) Ensure that the basic needs of persons deprived of their liberty are met in respect of medical care, access to drinking water and sanitation, and adequate ventilation in buildings, in accordance with the Convention and the Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners, bearing in mind that the Standard Minimum Rules are currently under review;
- (b) Redouble its efforts to make use of alternative measures to deprivation of liberty in accordance with the United Nations Standard Minimum Rules for Non-custodial Measures (Tokyo Rules) and the United Nations Rules for the Treatment of Women Prisoners and Non-custodial Measures for Women Offenders (Bangkok Rules);
- (c) Set a maximum limit on the length of time that a person can be held in pretrial detention, in accordance with international standards, as part of the reform of the Code of Criminal Procedure;
- (d) Ensure that different categories of prisoners are kept in separate institutions or wings based on their sex, age, criminal record, the legal reason for their detention and the type of detention concerned;
- (e) Prioritize the transfer of the prison system from the Ministry of the Interior to another administrative department.

Question

What steps has the Uruguay government taken as a matter of priority to effectively implement these recommendations?

- **Subject 2**

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) recommended that Uruguay establish a referral mechanism for victims of trafficking to enable them to apply for asylum and develop a standard operating procedure for the identification of victims of trafficking and those who might be in need of international protection.

Question

Please specify measures that were taken by the Government to establish a referral mechanism for victims of trafficking?

SLOVENIA

- What concrete steps have been taken to implement recommendations of the Committee on the Rights of the Child addressing high rates of violence against children, including the one on implementation of laws prohibiting corporal punishment?
- What has been done to address the CEDAW observation 36b on access to legal abortion and post-abortion services and the issue of abusive use of the right to conscientious objection to performing an abortion?