

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO BHUTAN (SECOND BATCH)

SLOVENIA

- We note Bhutan's efforts in reducing gender gap in education and the progress made in this regard. However, high dropout rates between primary and secondary levels of education among women and girls are being reported. We would be interested to know what the root causes for the high dropout rates are and what concrete measures have been undertaken to address this issue.

GERMANY

- In 2014, Bhutan accepted the recommendation to give priority attention to the protection of women and children from domestic violence. Which policies have been taken to achieve progress in this area?
- Which measures have been taken to combat sexual exploitation of children and child marriage?
- Does Bhutan intend to develop its Electoral Act in order to increase the number of citizens entitled to vote and to run for public office?
- With regard to the rights of the LGBTI community, does Bhutan intend to revoke or amend sections 213 and 214 of the Penal Code?

BELGIUM

- Is Bhutan considering to review the Penal Code and the Child and Protection Act, in order to prohibit explicitly all forms of corporal punishment of children in all settings?
- What measures has the government of Bhutan taken to improve children's rights in the following fields: To end the practice of child marriage? To end the practice of child labour and guarantee school enrollment for every child?
- Which further efforts is the government of Bhutan planning to raise the level of political participation of women in parliament?
- What measures were taken to implement the Domestic Violence Prevention Act?
- What measures has the government of Bhutan taken since the last UPR to allow the return and resettlement of ethnic Nepali Bhutanese refugees from camps in Nepal?