

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO NORWAY (FIRST BATCH)

GERMANY

- Given the fact that there has been criticism regarding conditions of prisoners with serious mental health problems, the Government of Norway intends to improve the situation by installing a higher staffing level and closer cooperation between health service and prison staff. What specific measures and services will be offered? How will it be ensured that prisoners receive the same healthcare services for mental health problems as the general population, as is required by Norwegian law?
- In 2014, Germany recommended to continue giving top priority to the issue of unaccompanied asylum seeking minors placed in asylum centres and protecting them from disappearance. What new measures additional to previous efforts can be introduced to avoid the risk of minors from becoming victims of human trafficking or exploitation?
- According to the national report, Norway has reached a high degree of gender equality. The report states, however, that the #Metoo campaign has shown that sexual harassment is far too common. What strategy and concrete measures will be taken to address this issue?

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- What actions has the Government of Norway taken to fulfil the commitments contained in the Call to Action to End Forced Labour, Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking since endorsing at the UN General Assembly in 2017?
- Will the Government adopt a legal definition of rape in the Penal Code that places the absence of consent at its centre?
- What actions does Norway intend to take to better preserve and protect the traditional livelihoods of the Sami people, as well as to increase investment in Sami education and language preservation?
- Does the Government plan to ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities?

PORTUGAL on behalf of the Group of Friends on NMIRF's

- Could the State-under-review describe its national mechanism or process responsible for coordinating the implementation of accepted UPR recommendations and the monitoring of progress and impact?
- Has the State-under-review established a dedicated 'national mechanism for implementation, reporting and follow-up' (NMIRF) covering UPR recommendations, but also recommendations/observations generated by the UN human rights Treaty

Bodies, the Special Procedures and relevant regional mechanisms, which, *inter alia*, clusters all the above, manages them in national databases, coordinates implementation actions across government, monitors progress and impact, and then streamline reporting procedures back to the UN? If so, could the State-under-review briefly share its experience on creating such mechanism, including challenges faced and lessons learnt, as well as any plans or needs to strengthen the NMIRF in the future?

SWEDEN

- Is Norway considering further efforts to combat prejudices and the spread of hateful and racist attitudes in society?
- What measures is the Government of Norway taking to combat gender-based violence against women and girls in Norway?
- What concrete steps have been taken to reduce the use of solitary confinement in Norwegian prisons?