

## **ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO FINLAND**

### ITALY

- We would be interested in learning from the Finnish Government about the initiatives undertaken to address racist, discriminatory and xenophobic attitudes towards both the minorities long present in Finland – particularly the Roma minority – and the more recent migrants. What have been the concrete results achieved so far? Would it be possible to identify some ‘best practices’?
- While acknowledging action taken to prevent violence against children, the Committee on the Rights of the Child recommended the strengthening of measures to prevent, combat and report on child abuse and protect every child from violence. After the adoption of the Child Welfare Act that took effect at the beginning of 2008, is Finland envisaging to adopt further specific measures to prevent the phenomenon of violence against children?