

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO SAINT LUCIA

LATVIA

- According to the information by the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, 73 countries from different regions of the world have issued standing invitations to all special procedures of the Human Rights Council. While no requests have been made by special procedures mandate holders to visit Saint Lucia – would your country consider extending a standing invitation to all special procedures of the Human Rights Council in the future?

MALDIVES

- What steps has St Lucia taken to address the issue of negative gender stereotyping in the country?
- Could the delegation provide an update on progress towards ratification of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities?
- It is clear from St Lucia's national report that a wide-range of steps have been taken to promote women's rights in general and to prevent violence against women in particular. Notwithstanding, CEDAW has noted that problems persist, especially in the area of domestic violence. Could St Lucia provide an idea of the main gaps and challenges in this area, both in terms of law and in terms of implementation?
- Has St Lucia considered establishing a national human rights institution compliant with the Paris Principles?

NETHERLANDS

- **Violence against women**

In light of the concerns raised by CEDAW, stated in paragraph 21 of the OHCHR compilation, about the persistence of violence against women in Saint Lucia and their observation that insufficient measures to prevent such violence have been taken, what measures does the Government of Saint Lucia plan to take to better protect women and prevent violence against women?

- **Violence against children**

With reference to paragraphs 24, 25, 26 and 27 of the OHCHR compilation which state that the protection of children against violence and abuse is below par, and that Saint Lucia lacks adequate programmes for the rehabilitation and reintegration of child who suffered from violence or abuse, what measures does the Government of Saint Lucia plan to take to improve the protection of children and offer assistance to the victims of violence and abuse?

- **Police conduct**

In the light of complaints about abuse of authority by police officers, can the Government elaborate on measures it takes to further improve professionalism of the police force? To what extent have the Police Complaints Commission and the Police Complaints Unit mentioned in part III E of the national report been instrumental in fostering such improvement?

SWEDEN

- Sweden would like to ask the Government of Saint Lucia to elaborate on its commitment to promote human rights, including with regard to signing, ratifying and implementing core international human rights treaties?
- Could the Government of Saint Lucia elaborate on the status of the death penalty, including with regard to any plans to abolish the penalty de jure or to sign and ratify the ICCPR and its Second Optional Protocol, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty?
- Is there a danger that the Government due to the rising criminality in the country would consider revoking the de facto moratorium on the execution of the death penalty?
- What effect does the Government expect as a result of such a withdrawal of the de facto moratorium on the death penalty?
- Sweden would like to ask the Government of Saint Lucia what effective measures it is taking to protect detainees from any acts of violence committed by the police?
- How many cases of alleged police brutality have been investigated and prosecuted in recent years?
- What is being done to ensure compensation to the victims of abuses?

UNITED KINGDOM

- We should be grateful if you would provide information on the extent to which civil society in Saint Lucia was consulted in the preparation of your national report.
- Please could you inform us as to what extent the Office of the Parliamentary Commissioner operates in accordance with the Paris principles that are designed to guide the practice of such institutions?
- Could you share with us how you intend to resource and provide support to the new mental wellness facility and how you intend to provide for outreach into the community? Could you also tell us the current status of the draft national mental health policy?

- Could you inform us if the uniform policy document on the use of force by law enforcement has been reviewed by the Attorney General's Office and if so when measures will be put in place to enforce it?
- Could you tell us what measures are being taken to ensure public confidence in the Police Complaints Commission and the Police Complaints Unit?
- Please could you provide information on the steps the Government is taking to meet its obligations under the UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women?
- Could you tell us what measures are being put into place to improve conditions for juveniles at the Boys Training Centre and the procedure for detention of female juveniles charged with serious offences?
- We would be interested to know, what is the current status of the government transit home for children in need of care and protection and how does the government intend to resource and provide support to the home?
- Could you tell us whether the Government of St Lucia has any plans to review criminal justice procedures in order to reduce the length of detention without trial?