

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO NAURU

CZECH REPUBLIC

- What steps has the Government of Nauru taken/is going to take in order to ensure full enjoyment of human rights and equal treatment of foreigners residing in its territory? Has the Government considered launching education programs on asylum-seekers and refugees, especially for the Government officials, and build institutional capacity for the development of a national refugee status determination procedure, as recommended by the UNHCR?
- The national report does not mention the protection of the rights of vulnerable groups, especially LGTB. How the rights of these groups, including LGTB, are guaranteed?

DENMARK

- What steps are being taken to ratify the UN Convention against Torture?

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. Considering still pending requests by Working Group on Arbitrary Detention to visit Nauru - would your country consider extending a standing invitation to all special procedures of the Human Rights Council in the future?

MALDIVES

- Nauru has signed many of the core human rights conventions without ratifying or acceding to them. Could Nauru explain the obstacles it faces in acceding to these Conventions and what assistance the international community, led by the Human Rights Council and OHCHR, could offer in this regard?
- The Constitution of Nauru (Referendum Amendments) Bill would significantly strengthen human rights protection in the country. Could the delegation give its views on why these amendments were defeated in referendum and what steps might be taken in the future to introduce the human rights improvements foreseen in the Bill?
- Part II of the Constitution of Nauru protects the right to freedom of expression and the right to freedom of assembly and association. Could the delegation provide information on the secondary legislative framework to protect these core rights, and also how these rights are enjoyed in practice in the country?

- Nauru identifies violence against women as a key problem and challenge facing the country. Has Nauru considered the adoption of a specific Parliamentary Bill on this issue?
- In common with other Small Island Developing States, climate change poses a significant risk to the effective enjoyment of human rights in Nauru. And yet, because the problem originated beyond Nauru's borders, the ability of the country to respond to it and thus to protect affected rights is minimal. Could Nauru explain what obligations it believes are held by the international community, led by the major emitting States, to help protect human rights in Nauru by mitigating greenhouse gas emissions?

SWEDEN

- Could the Government of Nauru elaborate on the status of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender persons' rights?
- Does the Government of Nauru plan to abolish homosexuality as a criminal offense?
- What actions are taken to promote the rights of sexual minorities in Nauru?
- Does the Government intend to ratify core international human rights treaties, such as the ICCPR and the ICESCR?
- Could the Government of Nauru elaborate on the status of refugees and asylum seekers, including if there are any plans to ratify and implement the 1951 UN Refugee Convention?
- What plans does the Government have to promote and protect the rights of refugees and asylum seekers?

UNITED KINGDOM

- Following the results of the 2010 referendum, what are the Government's plans to amend the constitution to bring it more in line with its international human rights obligations ?
- What plans do you have to ratify and implement the Optional Protocols to the Convention of the Rights of Children (OP-CRC_SC)?
- Please elaborate on what measures you are taking to strengthen your laws against perpetrators of domestic abuse, including sexual and non-sexual violence against women and children to ensure they receive the appropriate penalty?
- We should be interested to know to what plans the Government of Nauru has to address challenges in capacity with regards to its justice system?

- Please elaborate on what measures you are taking to combat the high level of school truancy and discourage the family practice of older children being forced to drop out of school to care for their younger siblings?
- What plans are there to develop a Government policy on Gender issues?
- We would be interested to know to what extent the Government is considering changes to its legislation which currently criminalise sexual activity between consenting adults of the same sex?
- When is the Government of Nauru likely to complete its consideration to accede to the 1951 Refugee Convention?