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- The Netherlands acknowledges the achievements the Korean government has made in the field of human rights for women. Whereas a legal and institutional framework regarding women's rights is now in place, some areas remain of concern. This concerns especially domestic violence against women. Could you comment?
- What concrete and proactive measures is the Korean government taking to make sure that vulnerable groups in society (women, children, gays and lesbians, disabled persons and North-Korean refugees) receive equal treatment?
- The Special Bill to Abolish the Death Penalty has not been voted on in this parliamentary session and thus will automatically lapse on 29 May. Although the death-penalty has not been carried out in the past 10 years, does Korea consider to pass the Special Bill to Abolish the Death Penalty into law in the new National Assembly starting from 1 June 2008?