

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO TONGA Add.1

UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND

- We would be grateful if Tonga could elaborate further on the role that civil society played in the preparation of Tonga's national report.
- Grateful for further information on the existence (and independence) of a national human rights institution, in accordance with the Paris principles in Tonga.
- What plans does Tonga have to accede to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW)?
- Could you please tell us why Tonga's reporting on the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) and its reporting on Commission on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD) appear to be delayed?
- Could you let us know what plans does Tonga have to respond to the Special Rapporteur on human rights defenders in respect of events around the November 2006 riots?
- Could you please tell us what measures are currently being taken by Tonga to protect the freedom of the media?