

## **ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO DJIBOUTI**

### **CZECH REPUBLIC**

- Does the government of Djibouti intend to accede to the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment?
- Has the government of Djibouti considered issuing a standing invitation to the Special Procedures of the Human Rights Council?

### **LATVIA**

- According to the information by the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, 63 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 Djibouti – would your country consider extending a standing invitation to all special procedures of the Human Rights Council in the future?

### **NETHERLANDS**

- The pro-active attitude of Djibouti's government towards the human rights work that has been initiated and developed since the end of 2007 in close co-operation with the OHCHR is welcomed and appreciated.
- Could the government of Djibouti comment on its willingness to accommodate visits of special rapporteurs?
- How does the government protect the rights of vulnerable groups such as LGBT?
- What measures is the government of Djibouti taking to combat Femal Genital Mutilation?

### **UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND**

- In the preparation of Djibouti's national report on Human Rights, could you please elaborate on the involvement of the civil society in this process?
- Can you please confirm the existence of national human rights institutions in Djibouti which fully comply with the Paris principles?
- Can you confirm the Djibouti Human Rights Commission has the assets (such as funding, offices and staffing) it needs to fully carry out its mandate?

- What measures is Djibouti taking to tackle the problem of domestic violence to women and harmful traditional practices against women and girls, such as female genital mutilation. In particular has anyone been prosecuted?
- Can you elaborate further on measures Djibouti is taking to protect the rights of children, in particular to access to education, health and other social services?
- What steps is Djibouti taking to the challenge of upholding human rights when this is counter to Djibouti religious beliefs?
- We would be grateful for further information about the steps Djibouti is taking to establish a human rights section within the Ministry of Justice?
- Djibouti has a number of outstanding reports from international human rights treaties to which you have acceded. How do you plan to deal with this backlog?

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