

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO ARMENIA – ADD.1

GERMANY

- The Human Rights Committee and various stakeholders have raised concerns about law enforcement bodies and the judiciary being corrupt and subject to influence by the State and by different power groups, unlawful pressure on and intimidation of judges and due process violations. We would be interested to learn how the government is addressing these problems? What measures are undertaken to strengthen the impartiality and independence of justice?/ (ARM/2 33. + ARM/3 22. -- 24., 38.)
- Stakeholders have also raised concerns about violence against journalists as one of the main impediments to their professional activity. What measures has the government undertaken to curb violence against journalists and to identify, arrest and judge the assailants and those backing such attacks? (ARM/3 38.)
- CEDAW has raised concerns about the persistence of gender segregation, the high unemployment of women, the persistence of a wage gap and the low representation of women in top management positions. What measure are undertaken by the government to address this issue?/ (ARM/2 46.)
- Some stakeholders have raised concerns over the lack of qualified medical professionals in rural areas and even regional medical centres and the resulting insufficient access to adequate general health-care services, including reproductive health care services for women. We would be interested to know more about strategies to overcome these regional discrepancies in access to health care./ (ARM/3 49., 50.)

SWITZERLAND

- Could you give us an update on the investigations on the 2008 post-elections violence? Are you considering to hold an independent investigation on these events?
- Could you provide more information about the functioning of Armenia's National Prevention Mechanism of Torture, including the recent emergence of the Council on Torture Prevention?
- What measures is the Government of Armenia taking in order to ensure that discrimination against women is effectively prohibited and to impede domestic violence?
