

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO LATVIA

DENMARK

- How will the Government of Latvia intensify its efforts to combat discrimination against and ill-treatment of vulnerable groups such as members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) community and ensure investigations into all such motivated acts and prosecute and punish perpetrators with appropriate penalties?
- When does the Government of Latvia envisage ratifying the Optional Protocol of the Convention against Torture?

LITHUANIA

- Noting attention Latvia gives the issues of gender equality, Lithuania would like to ask whether a follow-up is envisaged to the 2001 Gender Equality Concept Paper.
- Regarding the Latvian Government's Programme for Eliminating Domestic Violence 2008-2011 we would like to ask if interim results of implementation of the Programme are available.

SWEDEN

- Sweden would like to ask the Government of Latvia if it intends to ratify the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty?
- Sweden would like to ask the Government of Latvia to elaborate on measures it will take to further improve the conditions in prisons and detention centers?