

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO SOLOMON ISLANDS

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- According to the information by the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, 82 countries from different regions of the world have issued standing invitations to all special procedures of the Human Rights Council. Considering previous cooperation of Solomon Islands with special procedures mandate holders (recent visit of Independent Expert on the effects of foreign debt on the enjoyment of human rights (14-18 February 2011)) - would your country consider extending a standing invitation to all special procedures of the Human Rights Council in the future?

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- Does the Government plan to take forward the initiatives as outlined in the National Plan of Action for Human Rights which looked to establish a national human rights institution?
- What steps are being taken by the Government to address the still unresolved root causes of the Tensions, in particular the issue over land ownership?
- We should be grateful for an update on the current progress of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission especially in terms of creating the social conditions needed to establish peace in the longer term.
- Please elaborate on what measures you are taking to combat gender-based violence and address the negative standing of women in many areas of society and life in the Solomon Islands.
- We would be interested to know to what extent the Government is considering changes to its laws in order to better protect the rights of the child especially in terms of child labour and the tradition of early marriage, in line with its obligations under CRC.
- Could you share with us how the Government will manage the follow-up to the Universal Periodic Review, and, who will be responsible for oversight of implementation, monitoring and reporting?