

## **ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO MAURITANIA – Add.1**

### **CZECH REPUBLIC**

- How the law on slavery is implemented? Does it provide an effective protection against slavery in practice? What steps have been taken to liberate and reintegrate child victims of slavery into society?
- What steps the Government of Mauritania has taken/is going to take to eliminate inequality between men and women persisting in national law? Does the national legislation define the term “discrimination against women” and is the definition in line with international conventions? Does the Government of Mauritania consider withdrawing its general reservation to the Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination against Women?

### **DENMARK**

- Which steps does the Government of Mauritania intend to take to ensure better compliance with its international obligations under the Convention Against Torture and other Cruel and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment?
- What progress has been made to make Mauritania free of slavery since the implementation of the 2007 anti-slavery law amidst press and NGO information that the problem still exists?
- Which steps does the Government of Mauritania intend to take to address the problems of widespread impunity for gender based violence, including rape and domestic violence, and to reduce the practice of female genital mutilation?
- What government policy is being applied to fight the practice of Female Genital Mutilation, which has deep roots in local culture, and how is progress being measured?

### **GERMANY**

- CEDAW noted the persistence of trafficking and exploitation of women and girls, and requested the State to accelerate the implementation and enforcement of its legislation on the suppression of trafficking and the prohibition of forced labour. Germany would like to know how the government of Mauritania intends to better fight human trafficking and protect children against exploitation.

### **LATVIA**

- According to the information by the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, 72 countries from different regions of the world have issued standing invitations to all special procedures of the Human Rights Council.

Considering previous cooperation of Mauritania with special procedures mandate holders - would your country consider extending a standing invitation to all special procedures of the Human Rights Council in the future?