

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO MAURITIUS

NETHERLANDS

- How does the government of Mauritius hope to further improve the rights of persons with disabilities?
- How does the government of Mauritius hope to achieve that the ‘National Action Plan to End Gender Based Violence 2012-2015’ will be fully implemented by 2015?
- Which steps is the government of Mauritius undertaking in order to further eliminate racial discrimination? Is the government of Mauritius planning to submit the required information to the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination?

SLOVENIA

- Which measures in the effort to include the civil society and its public in the process of preparation for the UPR would the Government of Mauritius recommend to other states? What challenges did it encounter?

UNITED KINGDOM

- The high levels of gender-based violence continue to be a source of great concern, and it is likely that the problem is under reported. How is the Government of Mauritius prioritising tackling gender-based violence and what results can we expect?
- How does Mauritius plan to prevent the current practice of suspects being detained on the basis of provisional information provided by the police, before a charge is made, on occasion for several months, will it remove this practice when it introduces the new Police and Criminal Evidence Act?
- Mauritius has an excellent Employment Act and an Equal Opportunities Commission, and the former explicitly prohibits discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation. Yet the Mauritian criminal law continues to make “sodomy” a crime, in spite of efforts to reform it. What plans does Mauritius have to change this legislation?
- While Mauritius is a multi-cultural country and generally manages tensions between its diverse population well, there is a widely held perception that specific positions are reserved for those from a particular ethnicity or religious affiliation. The ethnic issue is particularly acute at election time. What is Mauritius doing to ensure that ethnicity or religious affiliation is not an issue in the 2015 General Election campaign?
- Human rights defenders continue to report cases of police brutality, particularly in cases of serious crime involving the Major Crimes Investigation Team, where confessions are alleged to be extracted by violence and then relied on in court. Those accused of murdering an Irish holidaymaker in 2010 were acquitted after the jury

heard allegations of confessions extracted improperly. Can Mauritius comment on how it is addressing this issue?