# ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO URUGUAY-ADD 1

#### **CZECH REPUBLIC**

- Uruguay has adopted various legislative and policy measures to combat domestic violence in the country. According to reports, however, domestic violence remains a serious problem and Uruguay has not succeeded in reducing the number of victims yet. Does the Government consider taking measures to ensure that all court decisions related to domestic violence are effectively enforced?
- According to the National Report, the Act to Humanize and Modernize the Prison System marks the beginning of a change for a prison system that has broken down. The Czech Republic would be interested to know what concrete measures are planned to be taken in order to improve the situation, mainly to lower the rate of preventive and pre-trial detention, reduce prison overcrowding and improve the juvenile justice system suffering from deplorable conditions and lack of rehabilitation opportunities.
- According to its National Report, Uruguay is now in a process of preparing a new National Plan against Racism and Discrimination. Could you provide us with more details of the concept of the plan and with information about the current state of its preparation?
- If the Expiry Law of the Punitive Powers of the State, law No. 15.848, is after a Supreme Court judgment in 2013 to remain valid without review, what measures does the Government plan to take in order to ensure that crimes from the era of Uruguay's dictatorship (1973-1985) are fully and effectively investigated and their perpetrators brought to justice?

### **NORWAY**

- The new abortion law (No. 18 987) could be characterized as a step towards diminishing unsafe abortions which threatens women's universal right to life and health. However, the UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Health has found that the legal restrictions inherent in the law might make legal abortions non-accessible. Norway kindly asks Uruguay to elaborate on measures taken to prevent this inaccessibility.
- Norway asks Uruguay to elaborate on their effort, other than inter-institutional consultations, to implement the recommendations concerning the ratification of ILO Convention No. 169. from the UPR in 2009.
- Norway requests Uruguay to elaborate on their efforts to investigate, prosecute and convict all forms for human trafficking. Furthermore, Norway would like to know if

Uruguay is planning to implement some sort of data collection system for official statistics on trafficking cases?

• During the first UPR in 2009 several countries recommended Uruguay to strengthen the institutional anti-discrimination framework, for example, by implementing a national plan against racism and discrimination. Could you please elaborate on the progress made to implement the previously mentioned recommendations?

# **SLOVENIA**

• The 2013 legalization of same-sex marriage constitutes an important progress in ensuring the rights of LGBTIs. What further steps Uruguay is planning on taking to fight discrimination of LGBTIs in employment and society at large?

# **SPAIN**

- Aceptando una recomendación formulada durante el primer EPU, Uruguay ha
  procedido por medio de la Ley 17.938 a criminalizar la violación dentro del
  matrimonio. En este contexto, a España le gustaría preguntar sobre las medidas
  adoptadas para asegurar el acceso a información por parte de mujeres víctimas de
  violencia doméstica.
- Finalmente, España elogia a Uruguay por la creación en julio de 2011 de un Sistema de Responsabilidad Penal Adolescente (SIRPA); sin embargo, a España le gustaría preguntar por el estado del proyecto de Código Penal Juvenil, en particular por la valoración de incrementar las penas máximas de reclusión para los menores de edad infractores.