

## ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO ALBANIA-Add.2

### **THE NETHERLANDS**

- Different religious groups live together harmoniously in Albania. What opportunities does the Government of Albania see for the preservation of this situation?
- Legislation on economic aid and on property could be considered discriminatory in terms of gender in as much as it focuses on the concept of head of the household. This concept excludes in an number of cases women that are merely de facto head of the household and it limits women's claims on property when property is held jointly. What possibilities does the Government of Albania see for reforming this law in a more gender balanced way?
- What steps will the Government of Albania take with regard to the anti-discrimination law proposed by civil society and presented to parliament on the 11<sup>th</sup> of November 2009?
- What does the government do to improve the situation of children, specifically in the area of full educational enrolment and in the area of juvenile prison/detention centres and rehabilitation centres?
- What measures has the government taken to improve LGBT rights?
- What are the results of the Government program 2005-2009 for the protection of the rights of all ethnic minorities?

### **HUNGARY**

- Hungary appreciates the efforts made so far by the Albanian government, such as the abolition of the death penalty; the adoption of the Criminal Code, the Criminal Procedure Code and the Family Code; the establishment of the post of the Ombudsman and the State Council of Minorities. On the basis of the results mentioned above, Hungary would like to learn about additional measures the Albanian Government would take to solidify respect for all human rights.
- What kind of measures does the Albanian Government intend to take to successfully combat discrimination against women?
- Hungary is deeply concerned about the existing conditions of detention. How does the Albanian government intend to tackle this problem? Detentions may be prolonged for longer periods because of the lack of judges or attorneys. How does the Albanian government wish to ensure the independence of the judiciary and to accelerate the legal procedures for the good of the detainees?
- Several cases had a negative effect on public opinion, including cases when ministers had been accused of corruption, however, in these cases legal procedures have not been initiated. Therefore, Hungary would appreciate more information, on how the

Albanian government intends to ensure equality before the law, especially in cases where officials enjoy immunity from jurisdiction?

- Hungary recommends Albania to do its utmost to ensure and promote minorities' cultural and linguistic rights, as well as their participation in political life. It also recommends guaranteeing to minorities a life without prejudices and discrimination, special emphasis being paid to the Roma and Egyptian communities. Hungary would appreciate more information on further governmental projects concerning this issue and also on the functioning of the State Council of Minorities.
- A journalist has lately been attacked in Albania. In the context of this event, Hungary would like to learn what measures does the Albanian Government intend to take to prevent attacks against journalists in order to protect the freedom of the press and the freedom of opinion?

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