

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO CROATIA – Add.3

NETHERLANDS

- Free legal aid

Concerning the Free Legal Aid Act which is elaborated on in para. 89 of the national report, and in light of allegations made in para. 33 of the stakeholder report that the Act failed to grant poor citizens equal access to administrative and judicial bodies, and the acknowledgement of the Government of Croatia in para. 23 of the national report that the right to free legal aid mains an area of improvement, could the Government of Croatia specify what measures it is intending to take and when it intends to do so?

- Cooperation with treaty bodies

In light of what can be gathered from the overview in the OHCHR compilation on cooperation with treaty bodies and remarks made in para. 14 of the stakeholder report that the Government of Croatia has not regularly reported to treaty bodies, could the Government of Croatia explain why seven reports concerning five treaty bodies are overdue?

- War crimes

Considering para. 31 of the OHCHR compilation which recalls concerns expressed in 2009 by the HR Committee about many potential cases of war crimes remaining unresolved, that the selection of cases had been disproportionately directed at ethnic Serbs and alleged differential treatment of perpetrators of Serb and Croat origin, and with reference to para. 34 and 35 of the stakeholder report which make similar allegations on the existence of ethnic bias in prosecution of war crimes cases, could the Government of Croatia elaborate on which measures it has taken to address the aforementioned concerns on unresolved war crimes cases and an alleged ethnic bias?

- Right to access to information

With reference to para. 88 of the national report on the right to access to information, could the Government of Croatia indicate what remedies, legal or otherwise, citizens have in case administrative organs do not respond, or do not respond in time, to requests for information?

SLOVENIA

- What steps does the Government of Croatia intend to take for the full realization of the right of Slovenian citizens to the restitution of property nationalized in Croatia after World War II?