

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO BOTSWANA

UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN & NORTHERN IRELAND

- With regard to the continued implementation of the death penalty, what adjustments have been made, since 2008, to the transparency of clemency proceedings?
- What measures have been taken since 2008 to address deficiencies in existing legislation regarding marital rape and to disseminate information on laws and programmes intended to address the high levels of domestic violence in Botswana? What is the Government's assessment of the success of current programmes?
- 67% of those who were surveyed during the Genderlinks 2012 Gender Based Violence Indicators Study suggested they had suffered some form of gender based violence in their lifetime. Can you outline how you intend to address this?
- The 2010 Employment Act prohibits discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. Can you outline any other progress which has been made since 2008 regarding the eradication of discrimination of individuals on the basis of their sexual orientation. Do you have any further plans to reduce discrimination of this kind?
- What is your assessment of progress towards a sustainable solution to the issue of the settlement, within the Central Kalahari Game Reserve, of indigenous San (Bushmen) communities?

CZECH REPUBLIC

- What measures have been taken or are being considered with the aim to speed up the responses by Government departments to the requests of the Office of the Ombudsman enabling thus the Ombudsman to contribute more efficiently to the promotion and protection of human rights?
- What steps have been taken to ensure equal access for women to education and to justice including the removal of impediments women may face in gaining access to the civil courts?

SLOVENIA

- Does the Government of Botswana plan any concrete steps to ensure compliance with international standards on the treatment of prisoners and what measures will be taken to reduce prison overcrowding?

- What measures are envisioned in order to identify and give priority to the special needs of indigenous women and children? What measures are envisioned in order to eliminate discrimination against indigenous women?
- Considering the low enrolment rate of girls in secondary and higher education, and the high dropout rates among girls, how will Botswana ensure de facto equal access of girls and young woman to all levels of education, and what steps are envisioned to overcome traditional attitudes hindering the full enjoyment of the right to education for women and girls?

MEXICO

- Following the recommendations made by the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights and fundamental freedoms of indigenous peoples, what measures have been adopted to protect the rights of non-dominant indigenous groups to retain and develop the various attributes of their distinctive cultural identities, particularly those related to land rights, approaches to development, and political and decision-making structures?
- What obstacles have been identified by the Coordinating Office for People with Disabilities to coordinate and implement the policies and programs aimed at empowering persons with disabilities?
- What measures have been adopted in order to discourage practices that are detrimental to women's rights?

NETHERLANDS

- **Women's rights**
Although the human rights situation in Botswana is generally good and Botswana ratified the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), violence against and abuse of girls and women remain a problem. How will the government ensure a safe environment for both women and girls?
- **LGBT rights**
Although the situation of homosexuals is the subject of debate, no commitments towards decriminalisation of homosexuality have been made by the government of Botswana. Currently, same sex activities are still prohibited. The EU HR Country Strategy mentions the relatively poor standards in prisons (increased health risks – HIV/AIDS, TB). Condoms are not provided to inmates as same sex activities are prohibited and therefore ignored. How will the government of Botswana ensure a safer environment in prisons and reduction of health risks?