

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO EGYPT – ADD.3

MEXICO

- Do legislative provisions prohibit discrimination against women? Does the Ombudsman's Office in the National Council for Women provide advice on the facto discrimination cases?
- Does the government have a program to integrate the refugee populations in the Egyptian society? What measures are implemented to ensure their rights?
- What is the current status of the 2011 Bill to combat terrorism?

NORWAY

- **Freedom of expression:** What is the strategy of the Government of Egypt to ensure that the freedom of expression be safeguarded in all forms, including artistic expressions, and is implemented in line with (Articles 65, 70, 71 of) the constitution and Articles 19 and 20 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR)?
- **Human rights defenders:** We appreciate that Egypt is a co-sponsor of Human Rights Council resolution 22/6 of March 2013 on the protection of Human Rights Defenders. What measures is the Government of Egypt planning to take to implement HRC Resolution 22/6 and to ensure the protection of human rights defenders?
- **Security sector:** Does Egypt plan to allow for independent investigations regarding claims of excessive and/or lethal use of force by law enforcement officials in dispersals of peaceful assemblies and meetings, and ensure accountability for proven excessive and/or lethal use of force against demonstrators by security forces?
- **Torture:** We take note that torture is contrary to Article 52 in the Egyptian constitution. What steps does the Government of Egypt plan to take in order to ensure that legislation is adopted and implemented in practice? What is the time-horizon for ratifying the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment or Punishment (OPCAT)?
- **Rights of women:** What is the strategy of the government for implementing the ban on female genital mutilation (FGM) that was formalised in 2008?
- **Death penalty:** Will Egypt consider moving towards the abolition of the death penalty by adopting a moratorium, commuting all sentences already pronounced, and reducing the number of offences punishable by this penalty?