

## **ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC – ADD.3**

### **SLOVENIA**

- We would be interest to hear about the results of the implementation of the first phase of the World Programme for Human Rights Education. What are the Government's plans to implement the second phase of the World Programme?
- Is Syria considering withdrawing any of the existing reservations to treaties in the near future (for example CEDAW, CRC, CAT, ICCPR, ICESCR, ICERD etc.)?
- Please elaborate on your plans regarding the submission of overdue reports to ICERD and to the HR Committee, where the 4th report is overdue since 2009?
- Does Syria have plan to grant access to the Special Rapporteur on the question of torture (visit requested in 2005, 2007, 2010) and Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders (visit requested in 2008)?
- Considering the continuing low levels of representation of women in public and political life and in decision-making, what measures have been taken and what measures are planned to accelerate the increase in the representation of women, in elected and appointed bodies in all areas of public life?
- Has the Government taken any measures to protect human rights defenders?