

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND

- We would be grateful if you could elaborate further about the civil society consultation process in the preparation of your national report, and if you could tell us whether representatives from the UAE's large community of migrant workers were also consulted.
- We would be grateful for an update on the types of additional mechanisms to protect human rights, keeping up with national and international developments, and updating laws and systems (page 26 of the national report) that the UAE envisages? When does the UAE expect those mechanisms to be put in place, and when does it expect to complete its work to accede to various UN conventions and instruments (section 2-3 of the national report)?
- Given persistent international criticism of the rights currently granted to labourers and domestic staff in the UAE, could you please tell us what further steps does the UAE envisage to protect these groups? How is the UAE addressing the comments set out in paragraphs 31-39 of the summary of stakeholder submissions prepared by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights?
- Could you tell us how the UAE would address the comments on racial and sexual discrimination set out in paragraphs 5-7 and 19 of the summary of stakeholder submissions prepared by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights?
- We would be grateful to know what further steps the UAE plans to take to eliminate racial discrimination, and if you could tell us when the UAE plans to submit its next report for the Committee for Elimination of Racial Discrimination?
- We welcome the UAE's support for freedom of religion and belief in other countries. Could you please tell us the basis for restrictions on religious freedom in the UAE identified in paragraphs 21-22 of the summary of stakeholder submissions prepared by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights?
- Could you please tell us the UAE's views on paragraphs 8-15 and 40-42 of the summary of stakeholder submissions prepared by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, regarding right to life, liberty and security of the person and human rights and counter-terrorism?
- We would be grateful for further information on the timeframe and/or conditions that are envisaged for further enhancement of political participation in the UAE as referred to in your national report?
- Could you please tell us more about the existence of a national human rights institution in the UAE, and if it is in full compliance with the Paris Principles?