

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO LESOTHO – ADD.2

NETHERLANDS

- **Human rights commission**

Lesotho is in the process of establishing a Human Rights Commission. Could the government of Lesotho inform the Human Rights Council when this Commission will be established?

- **Violence against women and children**

The initiatives to raise awareness with regard to violence against women and children merit respect and praise. What other measures is the government envisaging to mitigate violence against women and children?

- **HIV/ Aids Orphans**

The HIV/Aids prevalence has led to an increase of orphans who are vulnerable to several forms of abuse. What policies has the Government of Lesotho formulated in order to protect this vulnerable group?

- **LGBT rights**

Is there any intention on the part of Government of Lesotho to abolish the sodomy law?

- **Post-election violence**

What has the Government done to address the human rights violations that took place in the aftermath of the 2007 elections? What can the Government of Lesotho undertake to prevent violence and human rights violations during the next elections?

- **Political murders**

What is the reason that several murder cases and attacks with a possible political background remain unresolved?

- **Police and justice**

What measures are in place to enhance the investigative capacity of the police, to speed up judicial processes and to guarantee the independence of the judiciary?
