

## **ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO SURINAME**

### **LATVIA**

- According to the information by the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, 82 countries from different regions of the world have issued standing invitations to all special procedures of the Human Rights Council. Considering previous cooperation of Suriname with special procedures mandate holders (recent visit of Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (13-16 March 2011)) - would your country consider extending a standing invitation to all special procedures of the Human Rights Council in the future?

### **UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND**

- We would be grateful if you could provide information on the extent to which civil society was consulted in the preparation of your national report.
- Please could you inform us as to whether an independent national human rights institution exists in your country and operates in accordance with the Paris principles designed to guide the practice of such institutions?
- Could you indicate whether your Government has plans to ratify the UN Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CAT)?
- We would be grateful to hear an update on the state of the ongoing “December murders” trial and the prospects for the conclusion of this important human rights related case.
- Please could you inform us of your current assessment of the state of prison and other detention conditions in Suriname and any ongoing plans to enhance them?
- Could you indicate whether your Government has plans to formally abolish all legal provisions for the death penalty in Suriname?
- Could you give an assessment of issues which hold back the full equality of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender people in Suriname and what efforts the Government is taking to address them.
- We would be grateful to hear your views on the highest priorities regarding the further enhancement of women’s rights and protection in Suriname.