

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO SAMOA – Add.1

CZECH REPUBLIC

- What steps has the Government taken to establish a national human rights institution accredited by the International Coordinating Committee of National Institutions for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights?
- What measures are in place to provide all members of the police force with training on human rights and how to apply them as part of their daily work responsibilities?
- What measures have been taken in order to decriminalize abortions?

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- What steps are you taking to address traditional attitudes towards domestic violence and gender discrimination? What protection and services are you offering victims of domestic violence?
- What plans do you have to change the legal status of patrilineal inheritance which prevents women from having an equal right to ownership and enjoyment of property?
- How do you propose to tackle the lack of understanding by the police of human rights which was highlighted in the summary of Stakeholders submissions?
- What plans do you have to provide an external mechanism which allows for an independent review of police conduct to ensure unacceptable behaviour is effectively investigated and receives punitive action?
- What measures is the Government taking to ensure that the rights of the child are protected, especially in light of the increase in the number of child vendors on the street?
- We would be interested to know to what extent the Government is considering changes to its electoral system with regards to the imposed village consensus to ensure the population has the right to vote freely and by secret ballot.
- To what extent has the Government of Samoa sought international assistance in the area of human rights, to help overcome its highlighted capacity and resources challenges?
- We would be interested to know how the Government of Samoa plans to increase the representation of women in Parliament.