

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO MICRONESIA

UNITED KINGDOM

- We should be grateful if you would provide information on the extent to which civil society was consulted in the preparation of your national report.
- What steps you have taken prior to this report to set up an independent national human rights institution in your country? Have you approached the international community to request their assistance?
- We should be interested to know the extent to which the Federated States of Micronesia Government has sought international assistance for help in overcoming the capacity and resource challenges it faces in implementing its international human rights obligations?
- How does the Government propose to address the growing incidence of gender based violence? What protection and services are you offering victims of domestic violence?
- How do you propose to address the negative standing of women in many areas of society and life in the Federated States of Micronesia, and ensure that Constitutional guarantees on equality of women are realised on a day-to-day basis?
- Could you please tell us what steps the Government is taking to raise understanding and awareness of reproductive health and health problems facing adolescents, namely drug abuse, HIV/AIDS and early pregnancies? What practical steps are you taking to expand access to reproductive health services and how do you propose tackling the social taboos which are inhibiting adolescents from seeking the right health services and information?
- What measures is the Government putting in place to measure the extent of sexual violence and abuse, especially sexual abuse of minors; and what legislative steps are you planning in order to prevent and punish the sexual abuse of children?
- When are you planning to review the reservations you have placed on articles 11(1) (d), 11 (2) (b), 2 (f), 5 and 16 of the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women as part of your wider international commitments, and if not could you expand on why you have no plans to do so?
