

UPR of Angola - Advance questions submitted by Norway

1. Given the positive commitment pledged by the Government in 2007 regarding the collaboration with the local OHCHR office in Angola, the closing of this office in 2008 was unexpected. How does Angola presently view the future cooperation with the UN country team in furthering human rights in Angola?
2. Given the high priority of the Government of Angola in the provision of affordable housing during the mandate of the present National Assembly, as well as in the strengthening of the judicial sector, what is the background for the delays in the visits by the Special Rapporteurs for adequate housing and the independence of judges and lawyers?
3. There have been reports from Angolan Human Rights Defenders of delays in the registration processes for them under the present NGO legislation. Some NGOs have waited for such registration for several years. What are the measures taken by the Government to overcome these challenges?
4. The report on radio and television broadcasting in Angola (para 39) does not discuss the possibility of issuing private nationwide broadcasting licenses as an alternative to the public broadcasting in Angola. Radio broadcasters, such as Radio Ecclesia, have for some years tried to obtain a license for national broadcasts without success. What is the Government's future perspective with regard to the broadening of access of national broadcasting to other operators?
5. Given the reported action in support of women who have been victims of domestic violence, what legislative measures are planned to ensure the protection of Angolan women in this regard? Are there plans to ensure legal inheritance rights for women in Angola as a consequence of Article 35 of the new constitution? Given the high incidence of maternal mortality in Angola, what are the actions taken by the Government towards its reduction?
6. In view of the effects of corruption on social and economic rights and the importance of transparency in that context, what is the present status of the Government with regard to taking up partnership in the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative?