

## **UPR of Qatar. Advance questions from Norway**

1. How did Qatar include civil society organizations in the elaboration of its national report?
2. Several of Qatar's human rights organizations, such as the National Human Rights Committee and the Doha Centre for Media Freedom, were established by Sovereign Decree. How is Qatar encouraging private initiatives to form groups or organizations?
3. Qatar has ratified five of the eight core ILO conventions. Are there plans to join, and ratify, the remaining three (Nos. 87, 98 and 100)?
4. In its reservations upon accession to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, Qatar states that Article 9, paragraph 2 is "inconsistent with Qatar's law on citizenship". Would Qatar consider changing its citizenship law in order to conform with the Convention?
5. Similarly, Qatar has reserved itself against the Convention's Article 15, paragraph 4, which orders States Parties to accord to men and women the same rights with regard to the law relating to the movement of persons and the freedom to choose their residence and domicile. Qatar states that the article is inconsistent with "the provisions of family law and established practice". Will Qatar's government work to change such law and practice?
6. What is Qatar doing to protect female domestic workers against abuse and violence from employers? In particular, how does the government ensure that the police prioritize and investigate such cases?
7. Will Qatar change its criminal code to prohibit all corporal punishment of children, as a follow-up of the 1993 Ministerial Decree stating that such punishment should not be used in schools?