ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO MOROCCO – ADDENDUM 2

NETHERLANDS

- As mentioned in the report, in addition to awarding reparations, the Instance Equite et Reconciliation (IER) has made a number of recommendations to prevent a repeat of the large-scale human rights violations such as occurred during Morocco's 'Years of Lead'. While action has been taken to realise some recommendations, how does Morocco propose to follow up on all recommendations in the near future?
- A number of times, the report refers to a revision of the press law (Code de la Presse) without mentioning details. Could the delegation provide more information about this new law?
- Section 33 of the report states that the Moroccan ombudsman has investigated 23,120 complaints since his appointment in 2001. Does the government have an overview of how many of these investigations were concluded and whether the ombudsman's decisions were implemented?

LATVIA

• According to the information of the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights 59 countries from different regions of the world have issued standing invitations to all special procedures of the Human Rights Council. Considering the cooperation of Morocco with the special procedures (visits of Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography in 2000, Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants in 2003, Special Rapporteur on the right to education in 2006) as well as the voluntary pledge "to continue cooperation with the special procedures" and to "continue to respond promptly and regularly to any future communications addressed by the special procedures" (Note of the Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Morocco to the UN in New York No VN/170/06 of 17 April 2006) - would your country consider extending a standing invitation to all special procedures of the Human Rights Council in the future?