

Dear Mr Fardeau,

You recently sent to presidential candidate François Hollande a 10-point questionnaire on topics of special concern to you.

Please note that he has given it his full attention and is already able to provide you with the following responses.

1. He will ensure that France is a model of respect for individual freedoms as set forth in the Constitution and the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union.

2. France has signed the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence. We will have to continue in this direction, because the fight against violence against women is a priority. A dedicated body will be in charge of specific monitoring of violence against women, supporting the victims of violence in their acts, training professionals, organizing research on violence against women, and making recommendations to guide public action. This is the framework in which ratification of this convention will be considered.

3. Discriminatory measures against Roma populations, who are European citizens, will have to be abolished.

4. Under his presidency, France will be on the side of those who oppose and denounce the crimes committed against peoples, as in Syria, and our country will use all its weight so that dissuasive measures are taken to put an end to such situations.

5 and 10. France, in Afghanistan as everywhere else, will put its diplomacy at the service of the rule of law and equal respect due to each person, whatever his or her gender or sexual orientation.

6 and 9. Under his presidency, our country will relentlessly fight impunity and will support the strengthening of International Criminal Justice.

7 and 8. In China, as everywhere else, France will request the freeing of or the end to legal proceedings against people harassed because of their opinion, and it will support the civil society organisations that campaign for the respect of fundamental rights.

All measures making it possible to accomplish these objectives will be examined by the competent parliamentary and governmental bodies, which will be urged to adopt and implement them as soon as possible.

I hope to have responded to your questions.

Sincerely,

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