

Subcommittee on Prohibition on Face Covering Regulation

**Follow-up actions arising from the discussion
at the meetings on 5 and 9 November 2019**

Meeting on 5 November 2019

The Subcommittee requested the Administration to provide information in respect of whether similar laws imposing prohibition on face covering in other western democratic jurisdictions as mentioned in the Administration's response (LC Paper No. CB(2)74/19-20(02)) were made by the executive authority in the form of subsidiary/subordinate legislation or primary legislation.

Meeting on 9 November 2019

The Subcommittee requested the Administration to provide the following information:

- (a) the background leading to and the legislative intent of introducing similar laws imposing prohibition on face covering in other western democratic jurisdictions as mentioned in the Administration's response (LC Paper No. CB(2)74/19-20(02));
- (b) the reasons for not making "without lawful authority or reasonable excuse" as an element of the offence under section 3(2) of the Prohibition on Face Covering Regulation; and
- (c) the number of people arrested but could not be prosecuted because of the difficulties in proving their identities with the use of facial coverings.