

DENMARK
Advance written questions to States under review (SuR)
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SuR	ISSUE	QUESTION
Bahrain	Non-discrimination against women	What concrete measures will the Bahraini government take to ensure the equality of women before the law, including in matters concerning family law?
		What is the Bahraini government position with regard to a reform of the sharia court system, to include legal training of the sharia judges and a codification of the Bahraini family law in order to improve the status of women and their equality before the law?
	Female foreign workers	Which concrete measures does the Bahraini government intend to take to improve the legal status and protection under the law to foreign workers, especially female domestic workers?
		Would the Bahraini authorities consider reforms of labor laws and the sponsorship system to improve the legal status and protection of foreign workers, especially female domestic workers, so that work permits and visas subject are no longer dependent on the relationship between employer and employee?
Ecuador	Indigenous peoples	The Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination has pointed out that discrimination against indigenous peoples is still ongoing in Ecuador despite constitutional guarantees. What steps does the Ecuadorian Government intend to take to improve the situation for indigenous peoples in Ecuador and improve the security situation of human rights defenders working to defend the rights of indigenous peoples?
	Women's sexual/reproductive health	What measures does the Ecuadorian Government intend to take to improve the situation of women in Ecuador, including the protection of their right to take free and responsible decisions on sexual life and on reproductive health issues ?
Tunisia	Freedom of assembly and Human Rights Defenders	Several Human Rights activists have been denied freedom of assembly and freedom of organisation, and there have been arrests and arbitrary detainments of human rights activists. Among these the League of Human Rights has been prevented from organizing its national congress since 2006. Could Tunisia explain the reasons for these measures?
	Freedom of the press	While acknowledging a certain freedom of the press in Tunisia, there are still examples of intimidation of journalists and their families. How will Tunisia ensure, that further progress is made in this area?
Morocco	Freedom of the press	Freedom of the news media is relatively broadly acknowledged in Morocco, however a range of incidents underscore that further progress should be made. Which steps will Morocco take to ensure such progress?
	Child labour	Take note of the fact that child labour is prohibited. However many children under the age of 15 are working – some under difficult circumstances. What does the Moroccan government intend to do to assure the respect of Children's rights?
	Independence of the judiciary	Acknowledge the advances made under the government's reform program intending to further guarantee the impartiality and independence of the institutions of the judicial system. How will Morocco ensure the full independence of the judiciary?

Indonesia	Freedom of religion	In light of the recent move towards broader autonomy in Aceh, what does the central government intend to do to secure adequate human rights protection at the local level, including freedom of religion in light of the growing use of Sharia Law in Aceh?
	Human rights while countering terrorism	Indonesia has been successful in fighting terrorism in the last few years. However, some Indonesian terrorism legislation seems to be incoherent with international standards on human rights (particularly Law 16/2003). What does the government intend to do to make sure that Indonesian anti-terrorism legislation is fully in line with international human rights law?
	Torture	Indonesia has ratified CAT but has not criminalized torture in domestic law. Which initiatives does the central government plan to eliminate the use of torture? Does the government intend to criminalize the use of torture in domestic legislation?
Finland	Conscientious objectors	Finnish legislation on civilian service has been debated in Finland and internationally. The choice of civilian service should not in any way imply any penal aspects. Is the length of civilian service in Finland identical to the length of military service? To what extent is there a possibility for exemption on religious or conscientious grounds? Does the possibility of civilian service apply in time of war as well as in peace?
UK	Pre-Trial detention	The use of lengthy pre-trial detention in the UK has been the subject of concern of the Commissioner for Human Rights as well as a number of human rights organizations. What measures will the UK Government take to improve the application of pre-trial detention?
	Torture/deportation (diplomatic assurances)	Concerns have been expressed by the Commissioner for Human Rights and human rights organizations on the use of diplomatic assurances to permit the deportation of terrorism suspects. How does the UK Government intend to ensure that human rights are respected by recipient countries?
	Right of children	In a recent report submitted by Save the Children, concern is expressed among others regarding the reservations made by the UK Government in relation to the Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC), the ratification of the Optional Protocols to the UNCRC, and the implementation of human rights obligations in relation to children in general. What measures will be taken by the UK Government in order to improving the human rights conditions in relation to children?
India	Dalits	In Indian law the basic rights of Dalits are firmly inscribed. How will the Indian government ensure that the legislative rights of Dalits are implemented?
Brazil	Arbitrary and extrajudicial executions	Credible reports on arbitrary and extrajudicial executions by state police (military and civil) in Brazil are numerous. The UN Special Rapporteur, Philip Alston, visited Brazil in November 2007 and his observations confirmed the existence of these widespread problems. What steps does the Federal Brazilian Government intend to take to follow-up on the recommendations made by the Special Rapporteur?
	Trafficking	According to a 2006 report from the UN Office on Drugs and Crime Brazilian women were among the primary victims of international trafficking for the sex industry in Europe. Also internal trafficking of rural workers, mostly men, into forced labour is a serious problem. Has the Federal authorities of Brazil been able to meet these challenges and reverse the trend?
Philippines	NONE	

Algeria	Press freedom	While acknowledging and welcoming a great degree of freedom of the news media in Algeria, it has been noted that the editor-in-chief and one of the journalists of the daily newspaper El Watan has recently been sentenced two months of imprisonment and a fine of one mill. Dinars. In view of the many protests from local and foreign journalists, parliamentarians and human rights organizations in this case, does Algeria plan to provide further information about the case?
Poland	Pre-trial detention	The use of lengthy pre-trial detention in Poland has been the subject of a number of rulings from the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg. What measures will the Polish Government take to improve the application of pre-trial detention?
	Detention conditions	The Commissioner of Human Rights as well as human rights organisations point to problems with overcrowding of prisons in Poland. What measures will the Polish Government take to improve the conditions in the prisons?
Netherlands	Torture/deportation (diplomatic assurances)	States are under an obligation not to transfer persons, including terrorist suspects, to another State, where there are substantial grounds for believing that there is a substantial risk of irreparable harm, in particular torture. How does the Government of the Netherlands intend to ensure that human rights will be respected by recipient countries in such cases? Is the use of diplomatic assurances envisaged?
South Africa	Torture	What measures does the government of South Africa intend to take in order to ensure that the reported use of torture is abolished?
Czech Republic	Roma minority	What is the Czech Republic doing to ensure the rights of the Roma minority?
	Ratification of the Rome Statute	Why has the Czech Republic not ratified the Rome Statute on the establishment of the International Criminal Court?
	Discrimination	Why does the Czech Republic uphold a lustration/screening law, which clearly discriminates officials from the former regime?
Argentina	Indigenous peoples	The Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination has consistently expressed concern about the inadequate protection in practice of indigenous peoples' rights in Argentina. What specific measures will the Argentine Government take to improve the situation of indigenous peoples' rights? When will the National Institute of Indigenous Affairs be established (as envisaged by Act. No. 23.302)?