

DENMARK
Advance written questions to States under Review (SuR)
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SuR	ISSUES	QUESTIONS
Gabon	Detention and prison conditions	It is of concern that the State is currently not able to provide detention and prison conditions in line with ICCPR obligations and with the UN Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners. Has a plan of action been prepared and is it under implementation?
	Women's rights	According to CEDAW a special concern is women's access to justice and redress for alleged violations. What steps has the Government taken to remove impediments and ensure access to affordable and expeditious means of redress for women?
	Indigenous Peoples	What concrete measures has the Government taken to ensure that the indigenous peoples of Gabon, the pygmies, enjoy the same constitutional rights as the (Bantu) majority, including ensuring their traditional living places in the rain forests? It is of special concern that exploration of national wealth and resources, such as wood, iron ore and hydro power, does not appear to ensure the basic human rights of these peoples, including rights to their traditional living places.
	Rights of the Child	Reports about increasing numbers of children being victims of commercial sexual exploitation, high incidents of child abuse within family, child labour, street children and child trafficking (often coming from abroad) are still widespread. Which measures does the Government intend to implement to provide all children with a safe and secure childhood?
Ghana	International Treaties	OP-CAT Why has the Government of Ghana not yet ratified the OP-CAT? Does it plan to do so in the near future?
	International Treaties	When will Ghana ratify the OP-CEDAW and implement the very thorough gender policies that the country has?
	International Treaties	When will Ghana sign and ratify the following conventions aimed at the protection of children: OP CRC SC (signed in 2003, not ratified yet), OP CRC AC (signed in 2003, not ratified yet), The Palermo Protocol, ILO Convention no.138 (on minimum age for employment), and UNESCO Convention against Discrimination in Education?
Peru	Transitional Justice	Despite progress in the implementation of some of the recommendations made by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, several human rights organizations and the National Human Rights Coordinator in Peru complain that the Government of Peru gives too little attention to this area. What actions has the Government of Peru taken to implement the proposed institutional reforms to reduce territorial conflicts and prevent impunity (e.g. in the police and the army)?
	Health	Economic growth has increased during recent years. However, inequality and unequal access to basic services is still a big problem in Peru. What actions has the Government of Peru taken to improve access of health services for the disadvantaged and marginalized groups in rural areas e.g. indigenous peoples?
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	The Right to Life	Which steps are being taken to bring down the number of violent attacks and assassinations? Which steps are being taken to stop femicides and violence against women?
	Migrants	Which steps are being taken to secure the human and citizen rights of Guatemalan migrants living outside the national territory? And which steps have been taken to better the human rights situation of foreign nationals migrating through Guatemalan territory?
Benin	Detention and prison conditions	Civil society organizations report serious human rights abuses pertaining to detention and prison conditions, such as torture against arrested persons, extremely harsh prison conditions with serious overcrowding and lack of proper sanitation and medical facilities as well as long pre-trial detention. Which initiatives does the Government plan to adopt and implement to ensure basic human rights of people detained or imprisoned?
	Death Penalty	Despite Benin's status as a de facto abolitionist country, Benin maintains the death penalty. What is Benin's position in relation to the abolition of the death penalty in the proposed bill to reform the penal code under scrutiny by the Parliament (for more than six years)?
	Rights of the Child	Despite Benin's ratification of international treaties and progress in certain areas, the rights of children are not well safeguarded with widespread trafficking and economic exploitation of children, early and forced marriage and infanticide due to superstition and traditions. Which measures does the Government intend to take in order to implement obligations to provide all children with a safe and secure childhood?
South Korea	Death Penalty	The Republic of Korea is considered to hold a moratorium on the use of the death penalty. Will the Republic of Korea abolish the death penalty in law?
	Migrants	What measures is the Republic of Korea taking in order to protect the rights of migrant workers, in particular the large number of migrant workers in an irregular situation, lacking legal permission to remain in the country?
Switzerland	Racial discrimination	What is being done in Switzerland to prevent discrimination against foreigners?
	Women's rights	Which measures are being taken to secure equal pay between women and men?
	Pre-trial Detention	How is it secured that the ruling of the Supreme Court regarding the period of pre-trial detention is implemented?
Pakistan	Women's rights	What is the government of Pakistan doing to stop the practice of "honor" killings of women and curb the domestic violence against women?
	Independence of the Judiciary	What measures is the government of Pakistan taking to create an independent judiciary?
	Racial Discrimination	What is the Government of Pakistan doing to ensure proper legal framework and to prevent discrimination of "Scheduled Castes" on the basis of caste, descent and occupation
Zambia	Death Penalty	Zambia has had a de facto moratorium on executions since 1997, but reports raise concerns about the high number of prisoners remaining on the death row. How will the issue of the death penalty be dealt with under the ongoing revision of the Constitution?
	Women's rights	Reports raise concerns about the high number of gender-based violence cases in Zambia. What policy

	Human Rights violations by Law enforcements officials	Concerns have been raised about the high number of cases involving violence, and in some cases torture, by the police in its dealing with arrests and detention. What does the Zambian Government intend to do about these cases and what are the reasons that the Police Public Complaint Authorities so far have failed to prosecute officers alleged to have violated the human rights of detainees or prisoners?
Japan	Death Penalty	What measures is Japan taking to apply a moratorium on executions with a view to abolishing the death penalty, as called for in the United Nations General Assembly resolution on a moratorium on the use of the death penalty, as adopted in December 2007?
	Prison Conditions	What is Japan doing to improve the physical conditions and medical treatment of prisoners in Japan?
Ukraine	Ombudsman	How will the Ukrainian Government ensure an effective role of the Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights and widen public access to the Commissioner's office at regional, district and municipal levels?
	Detention Conditions	What tangible measures will the Ukrainian Government take to ensure sufficient legal safeguards for detainees during the initial period of detention?
	Minorities	How will the Ukrainian Government further ensure that ethnic and religious minorities can fully enjoy human rights and are not discriminated against?
Sri Lanka	Cooperation with the OHCHR	When is the government ready to accept the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights' request for the establishment in Sri Lanka of an Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)?
	Freedom of press	What measures will the Government take to secure the freedom of the media and effectively stop the continuing occurrence of disappearances and abductions of journalists
	Freedom of press	Sri Lanka has dropped from a position as no. 51 on the World Press Freedom Index in 2005 to no. 156 in 2007. How will the government ensure that the press can again be free on Sri Lanka?
France	Prison Conditions	What actions is France taking to reduce overcrowding in the prison system in order to meet standards for prisons such as enough beds, medical care, psychiatric support and hygienic conditions for inmates?
	Discrimination against migrants	What can France do to reduce employment discrimination against immigrants?
Tonga		NONE
Romania	Prison conditions	What actions is Romania taking to meet standards for prisons such as hot water, heating and providing sufficient nutrition and medical care for inmates?
	Minorities	What can Romania do to enforce the rights of the Roma minority and to further the integration of this minority?
	Minorities	UN Special Procedures, such as the Special Rapporteur on the Right to Health and the Special Rapporteur on the Sale of Children, and UN Treaty Monitoring Bodies, such as the Human Rights Committee, CEDAW and CRC, have all remarked upon the systematic discrimination faced by Roma people in Romania. What measures has the Government taken to ensure equal enjoyment of human rights by Roma people, with particular regard to allegations of police brutality and to the implementation of the Action Plan for the Decade of Roma Inclusion (2005-2015)?
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	Women's rights	In spite of an extensive framework on gender equality and non-discrimination, CEDAW has noted the inability of many women to effectively vindicate their human rights. In particular, the low representation of women in politics, their situation in the labour market and the lack of sufficient measures to tackle domestic violence have been highlighted. What measures has the Government taken to address these issues?
	Health	The Special Rapporteur on the Right to Health has noted with concern the ineffective implementation of the right to mental health and the inadequate provision of mental health care in psychiatric institutions. What measures has the Government taken to ensure the full enjoyment of the right to mental health and the proper provision of mental health care?
	HIV/AIDS	CRC and the Special Rapporteur on the Right to Health have raised concerns about the prevalence of HIV/AIDS in Romania, with particular regard to the incidence of HIV/AIDS among children, the lack of adequate treatment and discrimination of HIV/AIDS sufferers. What measures has the Government taken to address these concerns?
	Rights of the Child	CRC has expressed concern that disabled children remain disadvantaged in the enjoyment of their rights guaranteed by the Convention and UNICEF indicates that in addition to difficult physical access to health services and other public health services, many children with disabilities are also confronted with negative attitudes from health care staff and a high proportion of children with disabilities have dropped out of school despite efforts to integrate them. What measures has the government taken to ensure the rights of children and young people with disabilities?