

## Issues' Analysis

### **-Death Penalty-** *Session 1-5*

#### **Introduction**

This issue is raised fairly often within the context of the Universal Periodic Review. Out of over 5000 recommendations in total over 5 sessions, 235 recommendations focussed on the death penalty.<sup>1</sup> In total, 59 advance questions concerned the death penalty.

In order to facilitate further analysis of this issue, a division has been made between those questions and recommendations that concern substantive issues related to the death penalty, and those that concern ratification of the Second Protocol to the ICCPR on abolition of the death penalty.

#### **Death Penalty**

Out of 235 recommendations on the death penalty, 195 recommendations focussed on substantive issues. The recommendations concerned various issues, such as complete legal abolition of the death penalty, moratoria, removal of the death penalty from the criminal code, reduction of the number of crimes subject to this penalty and supply of information and statistics concerning the application of the death penalty. China and Yemen received the most recommendations in this category.

#### **Ratification of the Second Protocol to the ICCPR**

Out of 235 recommendations on the death penalty, 40 recommendations concerned the ratification of the Second Protocol to the ICCPR. Only 2 advance questions were posed on this subject. Generally, recommendations call in various ways for ratification of this instrument. The Central African Republic, Bahamas, Barbados and Burkina Faso received the most recommendations in this category.

#### **Top 5 countries making recommendations on this issue**

1. Italy (28 recommendations)
2. Mexico (20 recommendations)
3. Brazil (16 recommendations)
4. United Kingdom (15 recommendations)
5. Chile (13 recommendations)

#### **Top 5 States under Review receiving recommendations on this issue**

1. China (17 recommendations)
2. Yemen (15 recommendations)
3. Central African Republic (13 recommendations)
4. Nigeria (12 recommendations)
- Afghanistan (12 recommendations)

#### **Top 5 countries posing advance written questions on this issue**

1. United Kingdom (18 questions)
2. Netherlands (10 questions)
3. Denmark (8 questions)
4. Sweden (7 questions)
5. Norway (4 questions)

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<sup>1</sup> For more detailed data, see the table.

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## **Top 6 States under Review receiving advance written questions on this issue**

1. Zambia (5 questions)
2. South Korea (4 questions)  
Japan (4 questions)  
China (4 questions)  
Nigeria (4 questions)  
Viet Nam (4 questions)