

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO MYANMAR (THIRD BATCH)

PANAMA

- In the second cycle, Panama recommended that Myanmar consider abolishing *de jure* the death penalty. In its national report, Myanmar affirms that its domestic legal framework allows the death penalty but no death sentence has been executed since 1988. We would appreciate updated information on the progress made in the implementation of this recommendation.
- Concerning Myanmar's plans to introduce national digital ID scheme and biometric SIM registration, how does Myanmar intend to guarantee the right to privacy and the protection of personal data so as to prevent the misuse of highly sensitive biometric data? Are there any plans to adopt data protection legal framework and safeguards?
- The ILO Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations urged Myanmar to strengthen its efforts to ensure the elimination of forced labour in all its forms, in both law and practice, particularly the forced labour imposed by the Tatmadaw. We would be grateful to know about ongoing efforts towards this end and to address child labour and the persistent gender wage gap.
- Is Myanmar considering extending a standing invitation to all the special procedures of the Human Rights Council and to establish an OHCHR office in the country? Does Myanmar intend to respond positively to the request of the Special Rapporteur on internally displaced persons?
- We note with concern the reports about the use of antipersonnel landmines and improvised explosive devices (IEDs) by the Myanmar Army and ethnic armed groups, which injured or killed civilians with an acute impact on women, children and internally displaced persons. Has Myanmar considered to halt the use of these weapons and to carry out systematic mine-risk and education activities due to their indiscriminate effects?