

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO VIET NAM-ADD 2

UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND

- Please could you give your reaction to reports that the Ministry of Public Security forced the cancellation of some public UPR events and explain the extent to which Vietnam has engaged civil society in preparation of your review?
- Will Vietnam reduce the number of crimes which attract the death penalty as a first step to the introduction of a moratorium?
- When do you intend to invite the UN Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression to visit Vietnam?
- What impact has the 2013 revision of the Constitution on human rights, had in Vietnam, particularly freedom of expression?
- What plans does Vietnam have to ensure that it meets its obligation to report regularly to different treaty bodies including the human rights committee?

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- Recently the UN Working Group on Arbitrary Detention (WGAD) issued a decision that contests the illegal arrest, conviction and ongoing detention of 17 Vietnamese social and political activists. Which steps will Vietnam take to ensure that the decision of the WGAD is implemented?
- Given that several hundred individuals are now on death row, will Vietnam consider removing the death penalty or at least place a moratorium on further executions?
- Progress has been made with regard to rights of LGBT individuals. In the implementation of the newly adopted revised law on family and marriage, will Vietnam ensure that LGBT individuals de facto are provided full rights in accordance with Vietnam's international obligations?
- What are the Government's plans regarding further strengthening the rights of children as incorporated into the Constitution and establishing an independent children's ombud institution?
- Progress has been made in the field of human rights education. Will the Government establish human rights education programs at master level on a permanent basis throughout the country?