

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO BANGLADESH-Addendum

DENMARK

- Reported incidents of extrajudicial killings, arbitrary arrests, torture and judicial abuse within the justice system raise great concerns. How will the new Government of Bangladesh address this ‘culture of impunity’ for human rights violations and enact the necessary laws to ensure such violations will not occur? In this connection, what steps will the government take to ensure that the National Human Rights Commission becomes independent, fully operational and effective? Does the Government intend to ratify OPCAT?
- While welcoming the signing of the Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) Peace Accord, Denmark is seriously concerned with the Accord’s extended period of implementation. A decade past the signing, the Accord is only partially implemented, leaving the indigenous peoples in CHT continuously marginalized, impoverished and subject to human rights violations. Recognizing the intentions of the new Government of Bangladesh to ensure a full implementation of the Peace Accords, Denmark would appreciate an outline of the specific measures by which the Government is planning on ensuring the full execution of the Accord, including the active function of the Land Commission?
- What measures will the government take to ensure that women’s rights are protected through implementing existing laws, for example implementation of the Prevention of Women and Children Repression act, Acid Control Act, Early Marriage Act, and the Dowry Act? In this connection, does the government intend to take any measures to lift the reservations made to the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW, 16-1-c; equal rights of women in marriage and family)?

GERMANY

- Right to adequate standard of living: The Special Rapporteur on the right to food was concerned by signs of regression in realisation of the right to food and that food insecurity remains a reality for millions of Bangladesh’s extremely poor, including farmers and landless labourers. Which measures is the Government of Bangladesh considering to address this problem?
