

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO BRAZIL

CZECH REPUBLIC

- The Czech Republic would like to ask Brazil to elaborate on the Programme to Protect Human Rights Defenders and the National Policy to Protect Human Rights Defenders. What measures have been adopted since 2008 to strengthen the security of human rights defenders?

DENMARK

- Credible reports on arbitrary and extrajudicial executions by state police (military and civil) in Brazil are still numerous. The UN Special Rapporteur visited Brazil in 2010 and his observations confirmed the continued existence of these widespread problems. Which progress has been made since the visit of the Special Rapporteur in 2010? What steps have been taken by the Federal Brazilian Government to follow-up on the recommendations made by the Special Rapporteur?
- Trafficking seems to be a continued serious problem for both women as primary victims of international trafficking and men, mainly as victims of forced labour in Brazil. The Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery recommended that slave labour offences should clearly fall under federal jurisdiction. Do the Federal authorities of Brazil intend to take steps into this direction?
- According to credible reports many judges are under threat because of their functions. A communication by the Special Rapporteurs on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions and on the independence of judges and lawyers to the government of Brazil from August 2011 confirms this problem. They underlined that the problem – if impunity for such crimes prevailed – could harm the effective consolidation of the rule of law and democracy. What steps does the Federal Brazilian Government intend to take to follow-up on the communication transmitted by the Special Rapporteurs?

GERMANY

- The Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions noted in 2010 that almost no steps had been taken to address on-duty police killings and “resistance” killings. Germany would like to know what concrete measures the government has undertaken since 2008 and plans

to undertake in order to effectively address the problem of summary or arbitrary executions by law enforcement officers.

SLOVENIA

- What kind of measures will be adopted in order to overcome the inequalities in the access to education for girls and women due to their race, ethnicity and socio-economic background, with a view to ensuring de facto equal access to all levels of education in Brazil?
- What steps does Brazil intend to take to ensure the establishment of an independent National Preventive Mechanism?
- How will Brazil ensure that persons with disabilities do not suffer discrimination in access to employment despite the quotas in both the public and private sectors?

UNITED KINGDOM

- The UK would like to know what steps are being taken to protect the safety of journalists in the light of recent threats and murders and how is Brazil evaluating how successful they are?
- We would be grateful for information on measures to protect Human Rights Defenders, particularly those campaigners for environmental and indigenous rights living under threats of violence?
- We would welcome information on your plans to improve prison conditions in line with the commitments made in your previous review and including such issues as reducing pre-trial time for remand prisoners and access to health care for pregnant prisoners.
- We would be grateful for more information on the Truth Commission's mandate and how it will guarantee that the victims of violations perpetrated by the 1964-1985 military regimes have full access to justice?
- The UK welcomes the visit of UN Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture in September 2011 and introduction of legislation creating a National Preventative Mechanism in October 2011. What steps are being taken to implement this legislation, publish the report and independently evaluate its implementation?