

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO ERITREA-Add.2

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- The Eritrean constitution adopted in 1997 recognises basic human rights and provides for the separation of powers. To what extent could the Human Rights Council assist Eritrea in promoting and protecting basic human rights that are acknowledged and protected by the constitution in line with its international human rights obligations?
- The NGO community reports about the conditions under which prisoners are held in detention centres. These reports raise a number of concerns. Would Eritrea consider to provide the International Committee of the Red Cross unlimited access to all detention facilities in Eritrea so as to verify such concerns?
- The Government of Eritrea explained in May 2007 to the Heads of Mission of the European Union that accession to the Convention against Torture (CAT) was delayed for bureaucratic reasons. What is the current situation with regard to the accession of Eritrea to CAT? Would Eritrea consider any reservations while becoming party to CAT?
