

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO JORDAN

CZECH REPUBLIC

- Does the government of Jordan intend to accede to the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment?
- What is the current state of the law on charitable societies and what are plans for its implementation?
- What specific measures are available to protect the rights of children of detainees/prisoners? Is there any registration procedure, to find out whether person arrested or detained has caring responsibilities?
- What measures are in place to protect persons in detention against torture? Is there any complaint procedure available to victims of torture?

NETHERLANDS

- Freedom of religion includes the right to change religion. How are the rights of those who wish to convert protected? What actions are envisaged by the government to ensure the rights of converts?
- Which actions is the government planning to strengthen the position of women and in particular to prevent honour killings?
- Which follow up has been given to the recommendations of the UN Special Rapporteur on Torture and what further actions has Jordan planned to prevent impunity of torture and ill-treatment?
- Jordan does not criminalise homosexual acts but homosexuals are often in a difficult position – not accepted by their families, nor the society as a whole and as such at risk.

How does the Jordanian government ensure the rights of homosexuals and what actions does it envisage to prevent violations of the rights of this group?

SWEDEN

- Since 2006, the UN Special Rapporteur on Torture, Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch have all reported on the systemic use of torture by Jordanian police and prison authorities. Despite the accession to the Convention against Torture as well as attempts to bring national legislation into accordance with international standards, the practice seems to continue. What further steps is the Government preparing to implement in order to stop this practice and ascertain that detainees have access to effective legal remedy, and could the government

elaborate on its position with regard to accession to the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment?

- Honor killings, discriminatory family and inheritance legislation, and the problems of discrimination and physical distress affecting many foreign women employed as domestic workers are some of the human rights issues facing women in Jordan. In its latest consideration of Jordan in 2007, the UN Committee on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination against Women issued a number of recommendations regarding discrimination against women. Could the government of Jordan elaborate on the measures it is taking to eliminate violence and discrimination against women?
