

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO GHANA (SECOND BATCH)

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- The United Nations country team and the Human Rights Committee noted that **lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex persons** are vulnerable and indicated that steps should be taken to better protect LGBTI persons against all forms of discrimination and violence. How is Ghana planning addressing violence, arbitrary arrest and discrimination against persons based on their alleged sexual orientation or gender identity?
- The Committee on the Rights of the Child (CRC) mentioned a high level of **adolescent pregnancies**, linked to inadequate **reproductive health and mental services** for adolescents. Which steps will Ghana take to operationalize and enforce its ‘Adolescent Health Service Policy and Strategy’?
- While noting the efforts of Ghana to improve access to education, concerns remain with regard to the proportion of children that are deprived of their **right to education**, such as children living in rural areas, children living with HIV/AIDS, children with disabilities and working children. How will Ghana ensure long-time improvements in the access to and the quality of education for those children?
- How is Ghana ensuring that complaints on **violence against women**, such as rape, sexual harassment, domestic violence, and forced female genital mutilation, are thoroughly investigated and that perpetrators are brought to justice?