

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO UZBEKISTAN (SECOND BATCH)

SLOVENIA

- We note the envisaged plan of the government to address violence against women and girls and the proposed amendments to the Family code. In this regard we would like to ask for more information regarding the draft bill on the prevention of domestic violence and if the question of criminalization of marital rape will be adequately addressed.

GERMANY

- In the 2nd UPR cycle Uzbekistan accepted the German recommendation to allow the ICRC unrestricted access to all penitentiary facilities, including pre-detention facilities, and provide it with appropriate working conditions. What measures have been taken to cooperate with the ICRC on this matter?
- In the 2nd UPR cycle Uzbekistan also accepted the German recommendation to respond to the long-standing request of the Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment to visit Uzbekistan. When will this visit take place?
- What plans does Uzbekistan have to ratify OP-CAT?
- What plans does Uzbekistan have to ratify the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court?

SPAIN

- Which specific measures are envisaged within the framework of the upcoming judicial reform in terms of more independence for the judges and the persecution of torture methods in the penitentiary centers?
- To what extent and based on how does the Government guarantee the secularity of the State and the freedom of religion as stated at the Constitution of Uzbekistan?
- Acknowledging the adoption of the presidential decree that prohibits forced labour in the cotton fields, what specific steps are intended to ensure the prevention and eradication of child force labour and the protection of children living near those cotton fields?

LIECHTENSTEIN

- What steps has Uzbekistan taken to ratify the Rome Statute in its 2010 version?
- What steps has Uzbekistan taken to join the Code of Conduct regarding Security Council action against genocide, crimes against humanity or war crimes, as elaborated by the Accountability, Coherence and Transparency Group (ACT)?

BELGIUM

- Is the Government of Uzbekistan considering acceding to the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearances and ratifying the Optional Protocols to the International Covenant on Economic, social and Cultural Rights, to the Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and to the Convention of the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure?
- Is the Government of Uzbekistan considering ratifying the Rome Statute, the APIC or eventually aligning its national legislation with the Rome Statute?
- Is the Government of Uzbekistan considering extending a standing invitation to Special Procedures?
- Is the Government of Uzbekistan considering adopting new legislation and policies to bring legislation and practice in line with its obligations under the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women to which it is a party?
- Is the Government of Uzbekistan considering decriminalizing consensual same sex relations?

BRAZIL

- Could Uzbekistan further comment on the experience of the Media Act and other measures taken to protect the right to freedom of expression online?
- What steps is Uzbekistan taking to raise awareness among the population about the need to combat gender-based and domestic violence?

PORTUGAL

- Could the State-under-review describe its national mechanism or process responsible for coordinating the implementation of accepted UPR recommendations and the monitoring of progress and impact?

- Has the State-under-review established a dedicated ‘national mechanism for implementation, reporting and follow-up’ (NMIRF) covering UPR recommendations, but also recommendations/observations generated by the UN human rights Treaty Bodies, the Special Procedures and relevant regional mechanisms? If so, could the State-under-review briefly share its experience on creating such mechanism, including challenges faced and lessons learnt, as well as any plans or needs to strengthen the NMIRF in the future?