

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO TUNISIA

IRELAND

- What measures have been taken to ensure full enjoyment of the freedoms of expression, assembly and association, with particular regard to the right to protest?
- What measures have been taken to promote the role of human rights defenders, through education and inclusion in decision-making, in particular amongst national authorities, law enforcement officials and security officers?
- What measures have been put in place to support the work of human rights defenders?

GERMANY

- Germany is concerned about repeated reports of torture and other forms of ill-treatment against suspects which are held in the custody of the security forces. How does the GoT address these concerns?

ITALY

- No capital executions have been carried out in Tunisia since 1991. We have also learnt that a group of Tunisian parliamentarians recently presented a draft law for the abolition of the death penalty. What is the position of Tunisia on the application of a universal moratorium on the use of the death penalty after the adoption of the recent resolution by the United Nations General Assembly?
- We have learnt that a draft law aimed at withdrawing all reservations and declarations formulated to the Convention on the Rights of the Child is under elaboration. Is Tunisia planning to also consider withdrawing the reservations made to some articles of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women?

SWEDEN

- Article 8 of the Tunisian constitution guarantees the freedom of expression. The use of the Internet has expanded in the country in the past several years. Civil society organisations report, however, that certain Internet content is prohibited and that individual websites carrying politically critical material are blocked. What measures is the government of Tunisia taking to ensure that restrictions on the Internet do not contradict the purpose and principle of the freedom of expression as upheld by international standards?
- Civil society organisations take active part in public debate on human rights issues in Tunisia. Several organisations, however, have reported difficulties in obtaining registration and thus gaining legal status. Article 8 of the constitution of Tunisia guarantees the freedom of association. What measures is the government of Tunisia taking to ensure full respect for the freedom of association in accordance with international standards?