

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO ZAMBIA Add.1

GERMANY

- There are still a number of core human rights treaties to which Zambia has not yet become party, in particular ICCPR-OP 2, OP-CEDAW, OP-CAT, OP-CRC-AC, OP-CRC-SC. It appears from the compilation prepared by OHCHR (A/HRC/WG.6/2/ZMB/2), para 34, that the Zambian Government is willing to accelerate the process of signing the two optional protocols to the CRC and OP-CEDAW -- which is to be welcomed. When exactly will signing and ratification take place and which concrete measures are envisaged to be taken to better incorporate the provisions of CEDAW, CAT and CERD into domestic legislation?
- It also appears from the compilation prepared by OHCHR (A/HRC/WG.6/2/ZMB/2), para 25, that CESCR was deeply concerned that extreme poverty in Zambia has negatively affected the enjoyment of economic, social and cultural rights especially by the most disadvantaged and marginalized groups, including girl children and those affected by HIV. What measures envisages the Zambian Government to take to improve the situation of these most disadvantaged groups?

NETHERLANDS

- The Netherlands commends Zambia for having acceded to and ratified several international conventions such as CAT, ICERD, ICESCR and ICCPR. Could you please give information about the steps Zambia is taking to incorporate these conventions into domestic law?
- Can you please clarify why Zambia has not yet signed the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights given that the right to life is protected under Article 12 of the Zambian Constitution and Zambia has not carried out any executions for the past 10 years?
- We would be interested to hear if any consideration is being given to reforming the Penal Code with regard to the issue of consensual same-sex conduct?
- We commend Zambia for acknowledging the problems it is facing regarding the condition in the prisons and the dialogue Zambia has entered on this issue. We would welcome further information about the steps Zambia is taking to improve the conditions in the prisons in general and to reduce the amount of time spent in police custody by accused persons and in prison custody by those awaiting trial?