

## **ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO ISRAEL**

### **CUBA**

- In 2004, at the request of the UN General Assembly, the International Court of Justice adopted an Advisory Opinion which, inter alia, declared that the construction of the Wall is illegal under international law, and represents a violation of several human rights of the Palestinian population. What steps, if any, has the Government of Israel taken to abide by international law and, consequently, to put an end to the construction of the Wall, to dismantle the already existing parts of the wall, to redress the human rights violations committed against the Palestinians as a result of the construction of the Wall, and to ensure reparations for the victims?
- The international community, including through several resolutions of relevant UN organs, has repeatedly condemned the continued Israeli policy of illegal settlements in the illegally occupied Palestinian territories. What steps, if any, has the Government of Israel taken to abide by international law and, consequently, to put an end to this policy, which has resulted, inter alia, in the violation of several human rights of the Palestinian population?
- The Israeli illegal military attack of 8 of November 2006 in Beit Hanoun took the lives of innocent people, inflicted horrendous physical and mental injuries, tore families apart, destroyed homes, took away livelihoods and traumatized a whole population. However, as recognized in the recent report to the Human Rights Council by the High-Level Fact-Finding Mission to Beit Hanoun, so far there have been no recognition or redress of this tragedy by the authors, nor reparations have been provided for the victims. What steps, if any, are envisaged by the Israeli Government to conduct a public investigation to determine those responsible for this murderous act and to provide reparation for the victims?

### **UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND**

- The national report mentions Israeli government engagement with civil society on human rights issues. Could you please elaborate further on 1) the role civil society in Israel have played in the preparation of your national report for this process, and 2) what plans your government has to develop the role played by civil society in ongoing human rights monitoring within Israel.
- Please could you provide information on the steps that Israel is taking to ensure that the lawfulness of the detention of all Palestinian prisoners, especially Palestinian teenagers held in administrative detention, in Israeli Prison Service facilities, is reviewed by a court in accordance with fair procedures, and that their rights, particularly the rights to a fair trial and family visitation are protected?
- Could you please give information on what national mechanisms exist for the independent monitoring of detention conditions of all prisoners held by the

Israeli authorities, and the action taken by your government to protect the rights of all prisoners including the right not to be ill treated or tortured in detention?

- Could you tell us more about what Israel is doing and what Israel plans to do to protect the minority Arab population in Israel, including Bedouin Arab minorities, from institutional, legal and societal inequality and discrimination?
- The national report mentions the priority of raising public awareness on the issues of human rights. Please will you provide information about the action that Israel is taking and its impact?
- The humanitarian situation in Gaza and the West Bank is of grave concern. What tangible action is Israel taking to improve conditions?
- Could you tell us about the existence of an independent national human rights institution in Israel and what plans there are to develop such institutions?