

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO SERBIA

CZECH REPUBLIC

- What measures have been taken to protect and ensure the independence of the judiciary?
- What measures have been taken to protect the freedom of expression, especially human rights defenders and independent journalists?
- What specific measures are available to protect the rights of children of detainees/prisoners?

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- Could you please elaborate further on the role civil society in Serbia has played in the preparation of your national report for this process?
- Could you please elaborate on the existence (and independence) of a national human rights institution in Serbia and if it is in full compliance with the Paris Principles?
- Could you please elaborate on what steps Serbia is taking to ensure that an independent judiciary will apply the international standards that Serbia has signed up to?
- We would be grateful for further information about what steps Serbia is taking to deal with domestic violence issues. In particular what is being done to support victims of domestic violence and to ensure that judicial proceedings are conducted effectively?
- NGO reports have raised the issue of human rights violations against persons with disabilities, including those with mental disabilities. We would be grateful for further information from Serbia on the steps taken to protect the rights of these people including unlawful detention in institutions; the inclusion of children with special needs/disabilities in mainstream education; and the support mechanisms for both the person and their family including assistance in finding employment and benefits?
- Could you provide further information on what further steps Serbia is taking to integrate Roma children into education institutions?
- Could you provide further information on the steps Serbia is taking in dealing with refugees and IDPs, in particular for those returning under readmission agreements?

- We would be grateful for further information on how Serbia plans to bolster the work of independent regulatory institutions, such as the Access to Information Commissioner and the Ombudsman (referred to in paragraph B4 of your report).