

## ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO UZBEKISTAN

### **CZECH REPUBLIC**

- What specific measures are available to protect the rights of children of detainees/prisoners?
- How does the administration ensure practical implementation of ban on censorship? For example on internet – it seems that web pages of well known international organization dealing with human rights, Human Rights Watch, are blocked.
- Are there any legal safeguards against abuse of provisions of criminal law for persecution of human rights defenders, as independent journalists or persons expressing critical views of the administration?

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

- We note that Uzbekistan has developed a national Plan of Action (NPA) on implementation of the recently ratified ILO Conventions 138 on the minimum age for employment and 182 on the elimination of the worst forms of child labour. Could you tell us what Uzbekistan is doing to ensure the effective and independent monitoring of child labour?
- We would be grateful for further information on the steps Uzbekistan is taking to address allegations of torture, identified by the UN Committee against Torture? In particular, what steps are being taken to fulfil the UN Special Rapporteur's recommendations *in practice*?
- Could you provide information on what Uzbekistan is doing to facilitate the registration of national and international NGOs, as well as on the role civil society played in the preparation of your national report for this process? We note that there are restrictions placed on domestic and foreign mass media organisations, holding them accountable for the 'objectivity' of their reporting. Who is responsible for judging the standard of objectivity and on what basis?
- Could you tell us how the implementation of the law on Habeas Corpus is working?
- We would be grateful if you could provide information on steps which the government has taken in response to the recommendation by the Human Rights Committee in 2005 that Uzbekistan should take steps to ensure full respect for the right of freedom of religion or belief and ensure that its legislation and practices conform fully with article 18 of the Covenant.
- Could you please elaborate on the existence of a national human rights institution in Uzbekistan and if it is in full compliance with the Paris Principles?

- Please could you provide information on the situation of human rights defenders in Uzbekistan?