

## **ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO GUYANA – ADD.1**

### **CZECH REPUBLIC**

- Does the Government consider acceding to the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (OPCAT)? How is currently ensured independent monitoring of conditions in detention and prison facilities?
- Does the Government consider issuing a standing invitation to the human rights special procedures?
- What measures have been taken to eliminate legal provisions from its national legislation discriminatory towards women and girls, e.g. criminal law provisions?
- What human right education and training is provided to the police, army, judiciary, prison a detention staff. How is ensured their accountability for any violations of human rights?
- What measures have been taken or are being prepared in order to improve conditions of detention so that they comply with international standards, e.g. in terms of capacity, hygienic and physical conditions? Is there any complaint mechanism for detained persons to protect their human rights?

### **GERMANY**

- CRC expressed concern at the violent environment in which Guyanese children were living and the increased reporting of ill-treatment and abuse of children, including sexual abuse. In 2009, the ILO Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations noted reports of child prostitution in cities and remote gold mining areas (A/HRC/WG.6/8/GUY/2, page 7).The German delegation would like to know which measures the Government of Guyana is taking to improve the situation of children?
- CAT has expressed concern about reports of widespread police brutality and the lack of accountability of the police force in Guyana (A/HRC/WG.6/8/GUY/2, page 6).Germany would like to know which measures the Government of Guyana is taking to ensure that the circumstances of the authorisation for the use of force and firearms are exceptional and clearly defined? Besides, Germany would like to receive more information about the measures which are practised or planned in the field of Human Rights education?

### **SWEDEN**

- According to numerous civil society organizations, excessive use of force and numerous instances of torture committed by security forces and police are great sources of concern. Although the constitution and law expressly prohibit such

practices and investigations are conducted in some cases, impunity for government officials is a serious problem.

Could the Government of Guyana please elaborate on what measures are taken to thoroughly investigate the human rights abuses allegedly committed by a “death squad” between 2002-2006?

- Guyana has several laws that criminalize relationships between people of the same sex and criminalize a person from wearing clothes considering appropriate only for the opposite sex.

Could the Government of Guyana elaborate on the measures taken to guarantee non-discrimination and equal treatment to LGBT-people?

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