

**ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO LAO PEOPLE’S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC –**  
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**GERMANY**

- CEDAW and CRC have expressed concern at the persistence of trafficking and sexual exploitation, particularly given as 60 per cent of the victims are reportedly girls between 12 and 18 years. Another issue raised by CEDAW is the high prevalence of violence against women and girls, including domestic violence (A/HRC/WG.6/8/LAO/2, page 7). The German delegation is interested in the measures the Government of Lao People's Democratic Republic is taking to improve the situation of girls and women in these regards?
  
- CERD, as well as the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights and fundamental freedoms of indigenous people have expressed concern at reports of serious acts of violence against the Hmong. CERD noted that repression persisted against the Hmong as a consequence of their involvement in cold-war conflicts more than three decades ago (A/HRC/WG.6/8/LAO/2, page 6).The German delegation is interested in measures the Government of Lao People's Democratic Republic is undertaking to prevent a humanitarian emergency of those Hmong recently resettled to Phonkham, among them 158 persons with UNHCR-POC status. How does the government envisage to respect and secure the specific status of this group of persons?

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