

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO MONGOLIA

SWEDEN

- In its resolution 62/149 of 18 December 2007 and 63/168 of 18 December 2008, the UN General Assembly called on States to establish a moratorium on executions with a view to abolishing the death penalty. In this regard, Sweden welcomes the moratorium on executions announced by the President of Mongolia on 14 January 2010.

Could the Government of Mongolia elaborate on the status of the death penalty in relation to the resolutions of the General Assembly (A/RES/62/149 and A/RES/63/168), including with regard to any plans to abolish the penalty de jure and to sign and ratify the Second Optional Protocol to the ICCPR?

Sweden recommends the Government of Mongolia to sign and ratify the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty.

- Civil society organizations report on attacks against LGBT individuals ranging from rape, physical and sexual attacks, arbitrary arrests and physical and sexual assault while in detention, by law enforcement officials and in some cases family members. Discrimination against LGBT individuals has also been documented, including being fired from employment or forcibly evicted on the basis of their real or rumoured sexual orientation or gender identity.

Could the Government of Mongolia elaborate on actions taken to ensure the full enjoyment of human rights, including freedom of expression, association and assembly, for LGBT communities in Mongolia?

Sweden recommends the Government of Mongolia to ensure thorough and impartial investigation into all allegations of attacks and threats against individuals targeted because of their sexual orientation, as in the case of LGBT individuals, and to bring to justice those responsible in accordance with international standards of fair trial. Sweden also recommends the Government of Mongolia to promote the rights to freedom of expression, association and assembly without discrimination of members of the LGBT community.

UNITED KINGDOM

- We should be grateful if you would provide information on the extent to which civil society was consulted in the preparation of your national report and how you plan to involve them in follow up?
- Please could you inform us as to whether an independent national human rights institution exists in your country and operates in accordance with the Paris Principles designed to guide the practice of such institutions?

- Could you please tell us what processes are in place to ensure the implementation of the UN Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, and elaborate on what measures the Government will be taking to reduce the periods spent pre-trial detention before a case goes to trial?
- Please could you tell us what plans are in place to amend the existing legislation, including the Criminal Code, with the aim of abolishing the death penalty in law?
- The UK notes that the Committee on the Rights of the Child remains concerned about the increasing number of street children. What would be grateful to know what plans the Government has to improve the life of the street children and eventually reduce the number of children living in poverty?
- Could you please tell us what steps the Government is taking to raise understanding and awareness of human rights standards in the civil service and local government?
- Could you please share with us how the Government will manage the follow-up to the Universal Periodic Review, and, who will be responsible for oversight of implementation, monitoring and reporting?
