

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO AFGHANISTAN-ADD 2

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

- What concrete steps is the government taking to fully and effectively implement the Elimination of Violence Against Women (EVAW) law? What measures is the government taking to investigate attacks against female elected officials and women's rights activists over the last year and to bring the perpetrators to justice? How is the government working with law enforcement to ensure they are aware of and enforce laws protecting the human rights of women?
- What steps is the Government taking to protect Afghans from violence by non-state actors?
- What measures has the government taken to address allegations of human rights violations by the Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF) members and to ensure accountability?
- How will the government support and strengthen independent institutions, such as the Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission, and other civil society organizations?
- The Afghan constitution specifically obligates the state to abide by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which includes the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion and the freedom to change one's religion or belief. What is the government doing to make sure that these rights are being protected in practice? What specific steps is the government taking to ensure the safety of members of religious minorities in Afghanistan?
- Afghanistan is party to the International Labor Organization's (ILO) core conventions related to the elimination of the worst forms of child labor, abolition of forced labor, and discrimination with respect to employment and occupation. What measures is the government taking to work toward eliminating the worst forms of child labor and abolishing forced labor? What measures is the government taking to ensure direct and indirect discrimination is expressly prohibited in the labor laws, pursuant to the recommendations of ILO supervisory bodies?
- The development and proliferation of independent media in Afghanistan has been one of the most hopeful markers of the progress of the last decade. A free media will play a critical role in ensuring transparent elections and reducing corruption in the country. How does the government plan to sustain and expand press freedom in the upcoming years?
- How is the government of Afghanistan planning to ensure that all Afghans – men and women alike, locally and nationally – who are eligible to vote are safely able to exercise their right to do so?