

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO BANGLADESH

NETHERLANDS

- Extrajudicial killings, torture and impunity. What is the Government doing to put an end to extrajudicial killings, torture and other forms of ill-treatment perpetrated by law enforcement agencies?
- Will the Government of Bangladesh, in order to put an end to impunity, ensure that all human rights violations committed by members of law enforcement agencies, including the police, armed forces, and RAB, are thoroughly and impartially investigated and prosecuted?
- Violence against women. What effective measures does the government of Bangladesh intend to take in order to tackle violence against women and girls, e.g. by implementing existing laws?
- How does the government intend to advance legal reforms that promote sexual and reproductive health and rights for all?

UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAN AND NORTHERN IRELAND

- Does the government of Bangladesh have any plans to de-criminalize homosexuality by abolishing section 377 of the Penal Code?
- What steps is the government of Bangladesh taking to implement the recommendation of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) and of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) to adopt a national action plan to criminalise violence against women and girls and prosecute perpetrators?
- We note that the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances has transmitted to the government of Bangladesh allegations that enforced disappearances are frequently used by law enforcement agencies. What steps is the government of Bangladesh taking to eliminate this practice?
- Does the government of Bangladesh have any plans to sign or ratify the Optional Protocol to the UN Convention against Torture (OPCAT)?

GERMANY

- What further steps does the Government of Bangladesh undertake in order to provide the National Human Rights Commission of Bangladesh with full independence and to help

the Commission to obtain A-status and to comply fully with the Paris Principles?

- The Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) welcomed Bangladesh's willingness to consider withdrawing its reservations to articles 2 and 16.1(c) of the Convention. What is the current state of play in this regard?
- How does the Government of Bangladesh intend to meet its reporting obligations under international treaty law? In particular, when does Bangladesh intend to submit its long overdue reports to the CERD, the CESC, the Human Rights Committee, the CAT, the CRPD, and the CMW?
- Are there any plans by the Government of Bangladesh to extend a standing invitation to United Nations special procedures? If not, what obstacles remain in the way of such an invitation?

MEXICO

- What difference does exist between the rights enjoyed by men and women relating to marital property?
- Has the Protection of Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act (2012) been adopted? If not, when is it expected to be considered?
- What was the result of the consultation process to ratify ILO Convention no. 169 on Indigenous and Tribal Peoples 1989?

IRELAND

- Ireland understands that Bangladesh has initiated work in cooperation with UNDP to strengthen reporting capacity to the Treaty Bodies. Ireland would be grateful for information on when Bangladesh plans to submit reports to the Human Rights Committee and the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights which were due some years ago?
- Does Bangladesh have any plans to issue a standing invitation to the UN Special Procedures?