

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO JORDAN-Addendum

DENMARK

- How will the Jordanian Government ensure that the new “Law on Societies” live up to international standards especially regarding the issues of government approval, foreign membership, government approval of funding and dissolving NGOs?
- How will the Jordanian government ensure that the provisions of the law regarding torture is implemented throughout the country by the police, the different branches of state security and in prisons and other places of detention?
- When does Jordan intend to ratify OPCAT and establish an independent and effective national preventive mechanism?

GERMANY

- Does Jordan plan to become a party to those international treaties to which it is not a party yet. Especially does it consider to ratify the OP- CAT? When will the CPD -- OP, which was signed in 2007, will be ratified?

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- We should be grateful for further information on the Jordanian Government’s human rights priorities and what support or assistance would help them achieve their goals.
- Could you please tell us about the involvement of civil society in the preparation of the review process.
- Could you provide an update on progress that has been made in harmonising domestic legislation with international human rights law?
- What intention does Jordan have to ratify the Optional Protocol for the Convention Against Torture (OPCAT)?
- What measures are being taken to enhance the performance of Jordan’s criminal justice system? For example, what steps are being taken to reduce caseloads or to reduce the duration of pre-trial detentions?
- What consideration is being given to reducing the number of special courts and transferring some of their responsibilities to civilian courts?
- What plans does Jordan have for strengthening the mechanisms to allow prisoners to report allegations of ill-treatment and to allow independent bodies to review and investigate these claims?

- What plans does Jordan have to address discrimination against women, minorities and vulnerable groups, including children and disabled people?
- Could you tell us about the existence and status of a national human rights institution in Jordan, and whether it is in accordance with the Paris Principles?
