

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO SOUTH AFRICA

CZECH REPUBLIC

- The Czech Republic would like to ask for reasons why any “criminalization of torture” bill, in line with Article 1 of the Convention against Torture, has not been enacted yet.

DENMARK

- How is South Africa planning to further combat the high prevalence of sexual violence against women and girls in a systematic way as well as the lack of capacity of law enforcement authorities; not least with regard to the low levels of prosecution and conviction rates for these crimes? What preventive actions are taking place to ensure behavioural changes?
- Denmark would very much appreciate an indication as to whether South Africa is considering ratifying OP-CAT (Optional Protocol to Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment) in the near future and enquire on the status of the draft bill for the Combatting of Torture?
- How is South Africa planning to address the persisting, targeted violent attacks on LGBT persons and raise public awareness of the issue as well as enhance the prevention, investigation and prosecution of these crimes?