

## **ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO TURKMENISTAN**

### **CZECH REPUBLIC**

- What measures are considered or have been already taken to reform the judicial system and review cases of politically motivated trials of the past?
- Does the administration consider abolishment of the system of “propiska” known to have significantly limited freedom of movement of persons on the territory and their access to education, employment, health care etc.
- What specific measures are available to protect the rights of children of detainees/prisoners?
- Does Turkmenistan consider accession to OP-CAT?

### **UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND**

- Could you please elaborate further on the role civil society played in the preparation of your national report for this process?
- We would be grateful for further information on the steps Turkmenistan is taking to address allegations of torture being used within the legal system, and what systems are being put in place aimed at the prevention of torture?
- Very few NGOs, especially those not set up by the Government, have been registered in recent times. Could you tell us what Turkmenistan is doing to facilitate the registration of NGOs, both local and international?
- The Constitution guarantees the right to a multi-party political system, yet currently only one party exists. Could you tell us what steps you have in mind to facilitate progress towards a multi-party democracy and more pluralistic society?
- We note that the UN Special Rapporteur on religious freedom recently visited Turkmenistan. Could you tell us whether Turkmenistan intends to invite any other UN Special Rapporteur in the near future?
- Could you please tell us what steps Turkmenistan is taking to enhance freedom of expression and information? In particular, what steps are being taken to encourage independent journalistic activity, including access for and free functioning of foreign journalists in the country?
- Under the previous government child labour, especially during the cotton harvest, was made illegal. Can you confirm that this is still the case and elaborate on what steps are being taken to ensure that this is strictly observed?

- Could you please elaborate on the operation of the national human rights institution in Turkmenistan and whether it might be strengthened to make it more fully in compliance with the Paris Principles?