

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO SRI LANKA – ADD.4

AUSTRALIA

- Australia welcomes the Government of Sri Lanka's commitment to implement the National Action Plan for the Protection and Promotion of Human Rights - 2011-2016, and the Lessons Learnt and Reconciliation Commission Action Plan. Australia would be interested to know what resources the Government of Sri Lanka has allocated to ensure the full implementation of these Action Plans, and how progress in implementation will be monitored and checked?
- How has the Government of Sri Lanka facilitated greater participation by citizens and civil society in helping to develop, monitor and provide advice and guidance on the implementation of the National Action Plan for the Protection and Promotion of Human Rights - 2011-2016?
- Australia notes that according to the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka (HRC) Annual Report for 2011 there were 230 reported cases in the category of "Disappearances & Missing" in 2011. How many of these reported cases were investigated by relevant authorities and substantiated or not, and what were the results? What actions are in train to prevent disappearances?
- Australia notes that the Prevention of Torture is a key objective in the National Action Plan for the Protection and Promotion of Human Rights - 2011-2016 (NAPPPHR), and welcomes the Sri Lankan Government's commitment to implement this objective. Australia also notes that according to the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka (HRC) Annual Report for 2011, the HRC received a total of 569 complaints of torture in 2011. How were these complaints investigated and what were the results?

CHINA

- It may be recalled that Sri Lanka at its first UPR in 2008, accepted the recommendations to develop the former conflict zones, with the support of the international community, in order to bring up the living standards of the afflicted communities on par with those living in other provinces of the country, to enhance the effective realization of the full range of human rights for all Sri Lankans. Could the Government of Sri Lanka elaborate on the measures taken to develop the former conflict affected areas in fulfilment of this pledge.
- What steps have been taken by the Government of Sri Lanka to safeguard the language rights of all communities, including in the fields of education and administration?

IRELAND

- Will the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka consider clarifying what legal safeguards are currently in place for persons

suspected or charged under the prevention of terrorism act, in particular providing clarity regarding the processes in place to ensure a fair trial for detainees within a reasonable time frame?

- Ireland would be grateful if the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka could indicate its plans in relation to those who remain in detention following the end of conflict in May 2009. In particular, Ireland would be grateful for any information for example, on actions taken or plans to begin a process of reintegration for those in detention or plans to begin legal proceedings in accordance with due process?

PAKISTAN

- The Government of Sri Lanka accepted the recommendations made in the first UPR cycle in 2008 to step up its efforts for the rehabilitation of former child soldiers, in particular through enhanced cooperation with the international community, and adopt measures necessary for their rehabilitation in an appropriate environment. Can the Government elaborate on the judicial and other measures taken to end the recruitment of child soldiers and to rehabilitate the child soldiers, since the end of the conflict?
- What measures have been taken by the Government to democratize the former conflict affected areas of the Northern and the Eastern provinces, and to ensure civilian administration in these provinces?