

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO ISRAEL—ADD 3

NETHERLANDS

- Which additional steps will be taken in order to ensure that the detention regime for Palestinian children conforms to international human rights law and confers the same rights and safeguards as the detention regime for Israeli children?
- How does the Israeli government intend to implement the recommendations of the report of the Turkel commission concerning investigations of violations of the laws of armed conflict by the Israeli Defence forces?
- How does the government view the concerns raised by a number of NGO's and the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights regarding the proposed Law for Regularizing Bedouin Habitation in the Negev (the Praver-Begin Bill), and how does it intend to ensure that the rights of the Bedouin community, especially the right to property, equality and a fair trial, are respected?

UNITED KINGDOM

WOMEN'S RIGHTS

- We welcome the government of Israel's continued efforts to promote gender equality and women's rights, as noted by CEDAW, including on tackling trafficking of women and girls, combating violence against women and promoting women's participation in public life. How will the government of Israel ensure the implementation of existing legislation to address the Committee's concern at the prevalence of domestic and sexual violence against women and girls, particularly those belonging to the minority communities?

Background: CEDAW Report 2011:

<http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/cedaw/docs/co/CEDAW-C-ISR-CO-5.pdf>

BEDOUIIN

- Noting the concerns regarding Bedouin communities raised by CERD in its 2012 Concluding Observations, what steps will the government of Israel take to ensure equal access for all Bedouin communities in Israel to education, work, housing and public health, and how will legislation to settle land claims, currently before the Knesset, respect the equality of all of Israel's citizens under the law and avoid forced relocation of Bedouin communities?

Background: CERD Concluding Observatons 2012:

<http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/cerd/docs/CERD.C.ISR.CO.14-16.pdf>

TORTURE, CRUEL, INHUMAN OR DEGRADING TREATMENT OR PUNISHMENT

- We welcome Israel's explanation to the Committee Against Torture that all acts of torture are criminal acts under Israeli law and that the prohibition on the use of 'brutal or inhuman means' is absolute. Will the government of Israel adopt the Committee's recommendations that a crime of torture as defined in article 1 of the Convention be incorporated into the domestic law of Israel, that 'necessity' is completely removed as a possible justification for torture, and that the state will ensure that interrogation methods contrary to the Convention are not utilized under any circumstances, that all allegations of torture and ill-treatment are promptly and effectively investigated and perpetrators prosecuted and, if applicable, appropriate penalties are imposed?

Background: Concluding observations of CAT, 2009:

http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=CAT%2FCO%2FISR%2FCO%2F4&Lang=en

CHILD DETENTIONS

- We welcome positive developments since first UPR cycle, on the treatment of Palestinian children in Israeli detention including establishment of juvenile courts, increase in the age of majority for Palestinian children. As noted by CAT, audio-visual recordings of interviews is an important tool for the protection of both the detainee and law enforcement personnel. What steps will the government of Israel take to ensure that all interviews with Palestinian minors who are detained, including for security offenses, are recorded by video?

Background: Concluding observations of CAT, 2009:

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USE OF FORCE

- In the context of concerns regarding lethal use of force, we welcome the establishment of the Turkel Commission and the Commission's second report dealing with investigations of complaints in relation to armed conflict. What progress has been made in the implementation of the recommendations of the second report, in particular to enact legislation to impose direct criminal liability on military commanders and civilian superiors and to set out time frames for concluding investigations and enforcing any necessary legal or disciplinary measures?

Background: Turkel Commission Report 2 – Summary: <http://www.turkel-committee.gov.il/files/newDoc3/Summary.pdf>

