

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO THE CHAD

GERMANY

- In 2012, Chad, agreed with the UN on an Action Plan on the rights of children. In May 2013, the government further adopted a “road map”, which is currently being implemented, in cooperation with UNICEF. While we welcome the progress made, severe challenges remain as underlined by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict, Ms. Leyla Zerrougui. It is therefore of great importance that the government continues the implementation of measures in a consistent manner.

Which independent national mechanisms will the government endorse to monitor the implementation of these measures? What resources will they be provided with?

- Germany is worried about reports regarding cases of long detentions, including of journalists, without any police or judicial investigations. Overly long detentions are incompatible with international human rights law.

What steps is Chad undertaking to ensure that prompt, fair and impartial investigations are conducted by the competent authorities? What compensations does Chad intend to provide to persons who are victims of overly long detentions without due process?

NETHERLANDS

- Can the government of Chad indicate what measures it will take to ensure that those responsible for female genital mutilation, rape or any other form of violence against women are brought to justice within an official legal framework?
- Can the government of Chad indicate what measures it will take to ensure that female refugees as well as IDPs do not fall victim to gender based violence?
- Can the government of Chad indicate what measures it will take to ensure that human rights defenders as well as members of the press will no longer be harassed, intimidated or arrested without any judicial basis?
- Is Chad planning to fully align its national legislation with all obligations under the Rome Statute, including by incorporating provisions to cooperate promptly and fully with the ICC and to investigate and prosecute genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes effectively before its national courts?

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

- How is Chad holding accountable those who use child labor, including commanders who unlawfully recruited or used child soldiers?

- What is being done to protect prisoners and detainees from cruel, inhumane, and degrading treatment particularly in contexts of conflict?
- What steps are being taken to improve conditions in and management of local prisons? Could ombudsmen be appointed and deployed?