

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO IRAQ

BELGIUM

- Is the Government of Iraq considering to invite the special rapporteur on minority issues to visit the country?
- Is the Government of Iraq considering accepting the individual complaints procedure under all the human rights conventions to which it is already a State party?
- In light of the massive human rights violations committed by the so-called Islamic State and its associated militias, and to prevent impunity for any present and future war crime or crime against humanity committed on the Iraqi territory, is the Government of Iraq considering ratifying the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and the Agreement on Privileges and Immunities of the Court?
- During the previous UPR, Iraq accepted the recommendation to respect at least minimum standards, as long as it maintains death penalty. What concrete measures has the Government of Iraq taken to implement this recommendation after the implementation of the death penalty was resumed?
- What follow-up has the Government of Iraq given to the High Commissioner's call to halt executions, conduct a credible and independent review of all death row cases and establish a moratorium with a view to abolition of the death penalty?
- The Government of Iraq has given instructions to prevent the recruitment of children by Government-backed militias. Are these instructions widely disseminated and duly enforced in all affected areas, as requested by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Children and Armed Conflict?
- What measures is the Government of Iraq taking to protect women and girls who are particularly vulnerable to violence and exploitation in the current circumstances?
- Does the Government of Iraq monitor hate speech against religious groups and minorities and what are the measures taken to curb it and to hold accountable those inciting to hatred, in line with international legal standards ?

LIECHTENSTEIN

- Liechtenstein recognizes Iraq's passing of the Family Violence Law in 2011, which includes a provision banning of female genital mutilation (FGM).
- What steps has Iraq taken to implement the law's provisions criminalizing domestic violence and "honor" killings?

- What steps has Iraq taken to investigate gender-based violence perpetrated against women, to ensure that those responsible for committing these crimes are held accountable, and to provide effective remedies to female victims of violence?
- Liechtenstein recalls that, at the first cycle of the Universal Periodic Review, Iraq had been recommended to ratify the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. That recommendation has regained a sense of urgency given the widespread impunity for atrocity crimes being committed by ISIL on Iraqi soil. What steps has Iraq taken to ratify the Rome Statute in its 2010 version?

NETHERLANDS

- What measures has the Government of Iraq taken to limit the power of militias and reinstate the rule of law?
- What guarantees can the Iraqi Government give that no prisoners are being tortured by security forces and prison staff? Is the Iraqi government willing to investigate promptly all allegations of torture and ill-treatment, including sexual abuse, and institute criminal prosecution against officers and officials who are responsible for the abuse of prisoners?
- Taking into account persisting shortcomings in the legal process concerning the death penalty, what guarantees can the Government of Iraq give that no innocent people will be sentenced to death? Could the fact that no death penalties have been executed since the inauguration of the new Government in August 2014, be considered a first step towards reinstating a moratorium on the execution of the death penalty?
- What are the Government's intentions with regard to improving its care for IDP-populations in the areas under its direct control?
- Is the Government of Iraq willing to withdraw or amend the draft personal status law, which was endorsed by the Council of Ministers and based on Article 41 of the Constitution, and to do so before it will be passed by Parliament? Will it withdraw or amend the draft personal status law to ensure that the marriageable age will not be lowered to 9 years and bring the marriageable age in line with international standards?