

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO GUYANA

GERMANY

- Despite having accepted the recommendation made during its UPR in 2010, Guyana has not established an independent national human rights institution yet. So Germany wishes to follow up this recommendation and would like to know what steps and measures Guyana is taking to establish an independent national human rights institution in accordance with the principles relating to the status of national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights (Paris Principles)?
- Does the Government of Guyana consider acceding to the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (OP-CAT)? How is independent monitoring currently assured in detention and prison facilities?

NETHERLANDS

Death penalty (previous recommendation of the NL - 2010)

1. Which steps will the Government take to abolish capital punishment?

LGBT (previous recommendation of the NL - 2010)

2. Which steps will the Government take to improve the rights of members of the LGBT community?
3. Would the government of Guyana consider removing section 352-354 of Chapter 8:01 of the Criminal Law (Offences) Act which criminalise same sex relationships?
4. Would the government of Guyana consider amending Article 149 of the Guyana Constitution to include sexual orientation and gender identity as grounds for discrimination in order to provide legal protection for LGBT people's right to equality and non-discrimination.
5. Would the government of Guyana consider repealing section 153 (1) (xlvii) of the Summary Jurisdiction (Offences) Act Chapter 8:02 which sanctions cross-dressing thereby facilitating arbitrary arrests, police harassment and abuse, targeted violence and other forms of discrimination against transgender people.

Children's rights (previous recommendation of the NL - 2010)

6. When will the government of Guyana complete the abolishment of corporal punishment at schools?

Women's rights (previous recommendation of the NL - 2010)

7. What is the progress made by the government of Guyana regarding its plans to simplify the legal process concerning gender and domestic violence and to facilitate a "one-stop shop" for victims of abuse?

Torture and detention conditions (previous recommendation of the NL - 2010)

8. What measures will be taken to improve prison conditions?

UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND

- Please could you provide an update on the status of national consultations on the abolition of the death penalty, abolition of corporate punishment in schools, decriminalisation of consensual same-sex relations and discrimination against LGBTI persons, all of which the Government of Guyana announced it would pursue following the last UPR?
- What progress has the Government of Guyana made in order to ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women?
- What steps have the Government of Guyana taken to ensure the full implementation of the Sexual Offences Act and the National Domestic Violence Policy, including the establishment of a Sexual Offences Unit and ensuring reasonable access to temporary refuges for survivors?
- What progress has the Government of Guyana made with the extension of an invitation to the UN Special Rapporteur on Torture, as well as an open invitation to UN Special Procedures Mandate holders to visit Guyana?
- What steps has the Government of Guyana taken to increase the capacity of the Police Complaints Authority to investigate allegations of extrajudicial killings and the excessive use of force by police in prompt and impartial proceedings?