

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC –

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- Human rights activist Sombath Somphone disappeared two years ago after being arrested by the police in a check-point. What measures has the government taken in order to carry out an effective investigation and find the people responsible?
- As a state party to the ICCPR, which mechanisms does the Government of Laos count with to ensure freedom of the press and freedom of expression in the country?
- Could you please further specify what measures are being implemented in order to guarantee equal access of all ethnic groups to public services, such as in the areas of health and education?