

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO TOGO

2ND BATCH

BELGIUM

- Is the Government of Togo considering issuing a standing invitation to the special procedures?
- Is the Government of Togo considering ratifying the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and the Agreement on Privileges and Immunities of the Court?
- What concrete steps is Togo taking to enact legislation on violence against women, including domestic violence, as recommended by the Committee on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination against Women and the Committee against Torture?
- What steps is the Government of Togo taking to bring its laws regulating the use of force in line with international human rights standards? Is the Government of Togo considering establishing an independent oversight body to investigate serious incidents involving the use of force by security forces?
- The Committee on the Rights of the Child has expressed concerns regarding the wide-spread practice of early and forced marriages. What concrete measures is the Government of Togo considering taking to eliminate this practice?

GERMANY

- Germany recognizes the awareness of the Government of Togo regarding the challenges related to the lack of popular knowledge about the rule of law. However, there are still reports of cases of public condemnation (“vindicate populaire”) and little progress seems to have been made about the promotion of the rule of law. Therefore, we are interested in strategies the Government of Togo has developed to safeguard the rule of law and to prevent self-justice throughout the population.
- In addition, we identify great gaps regarding in the registration of the Togolese population resulting in restrictions to the enjoyment of civil rights and liberties. Especially in rural areas the access to birth certificates is difficult, and only around a quarter of adults owns a valid Identification Card. For this reason, Germany would like to ask the Government of Togo which steps it is planning in order to provide a functional registry system that reaches the whole population.

SLOVENIA

- According to national report ratification processes for Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty are under way. Can Togolese delegation specify any timeframes for their ratification?
- Taking into consideration that several provisions of the Rome Statue have been already included in national legislation, is Togo considering ratification of the Statue and accession to the ICC?
- In national report Togo has specified priorities and way ahead for several policy fields. Please provide additional information on plans and goals in the field of water and sanitation, protection of the environment and fighting all forms of violence against women and girls.

ZAMBIA

- Is there any specific alternative care programme in Togo, especially to address emergencies related to interfamily violence against children and to children in conflict with the law?
- What kind of protection is granted to children in informal settings, including child domestic workers?