

## **ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO UGANDA**

### **2<sup>ND</sup> BATCH**

#### **BELGIUM**

- Is the Government of Uganda considering issuing a standing invitation to the special procedures?
- Belgium welcomes the efforts of Uganda to reduce the number of inmates on death row. Is the Government of Uganda considering ratifying the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty?
- Is the Government of Uganda considering revising the 2013 Public Order Management Act in order to bring it in line with the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights?
- What follow-up will the Government of Uganda be giving to the recommendations of the Supreme Court concerning the electoral process?
- Belgium welcomes the recent adoption of the Children's Act. What concrete measures have been taken to create a National Children's Authority envisaged in this Act and to ensure its effectiveness? What steps are taken to decrease sexual and physical violence against children in public places and to ensure that perpetrators are brought to justice?

#### **CZECHIA**

- What measures has the Government adopted in order to improve conditions in prisons and to eliminate overcrowding? How is ensured independent monitoring of such facilities and effective protection of persons in prisons against torture? Does the Government plan to establish an independent mechanism for investigation of allegations of torture in line with the Istanbul Protocol? Does the Government consider becoming a state party to the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture?
- What measures are being adopted or planned to ensure that civil society organizations, including those defending human rights, can work free from undue administrative obstacles, harassment or violence? Does the Government consider revising the Public Order Management Act and the Nongovernmental Organizations Act so that these laws cannot be abused to stifle NGOs critical to the Government and that the work of civil society actors is facilitated?
- What measures does the Government prepare or has adopted to strengthen election procedures, their transparency and equal conditions for all candidates, including from the opposition, and to investigate allegations of the election fraud and prevent harassment of opposition leaders?
- What measures has the Government adopted to eliminate criminalization, discrimination, stigmatization and violence against persons based on their sexual orientation and gender identity?
- What measures has the Government adopted to eradicate harmful traditional practices such as female genital mutilation, persecution of persons based on alleged witchcraft, or ritual murders by the so-called witch doctors?

## **GERMANY**

- What steps is Uganda taking to prevent tortures, prosecute perpetrators and offer reparation to victims?
- Will Uganda amend the Non-Governmental Organisations Act, 2016, to ensure the right to freedom of association is guaranteed by especially removing new criminal provisions for legitimate civil society work?
- Will Uganda amend the Public Order Management Act, 2013, to fully guarantee the freedom of assembly?
- What steps is Uganda undertaking to pass the Marriage and Divorce Bill, 2009?
- What steps is Uganda undertaking to provide reproductive health education and to prevent teenage pregnancies

## **NORWAY**

- Will Uganda take steps to implement the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, particularly with regards to the oil industry?
- We note that Uganda in 2011 accepted recommendations to amend or reform legislation to combat discrimination of women. What does the Government do to enact the Marriage and Divorce Bill and other legislation to strengthen the status of women during the current parliament?
- Since the passing of the Public Order Management Act (POMA), there have been documented several instances, particularly during the 2016 election campaign, of limitations on freedom of assembly, beyond the limited circumstances envisaged in the law. What measures will the government take to ensure that POMA is implemented in conformity with Uganda's constitution and human rights obligations?
- Human Rights Defenders and independent media play a crucial role in fostering a culture of human rights and democracy. In recent years, HRDs in Uganda have experienced office break-ins and thefts and destruction of property. What steps will Uganda take to ensure protection of individuals and organizations working to defend Human Rights?

## **SLOVENIA**

- What measures has Uganda take to implement legislation in the field of prohibition of FGM?
- What measures has Uganda take to implement national policies to fight all forms of violence against women and girls?
- Is Uganda planning any additional measures, policies and actions to fully realize right to health, including in the field of sexual and reproductive health?