

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO INDIA (THIRD BATCH)

GERMANY

- How does the Indian government assess the effects of the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act on its vibrant civil society, which we consider a trait of India's democracy?
- Are there concrete measures planned to react to an increased number of reports of human rights defenders suffering from harassment and intimidation, in some cases through government actors?
- Does India foresee any steps to ratify any further human rights conventions, especially the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, as pledged in the last UPR session?
- How does India plan to strengthen its co-operation with the UN Special Procedures? Are there any plans to accept visits from the Working Group on enforced or involuntary disappearances and the Special Rapporteurs on torture, rights of Indigenous Peoples, and rights to freedom of assembly and association?
- Which measures will be taken to ensure that marginalized groups – including Dalits/scheduled tribes, religious and ethnic minorities, and women – benefit from programs targeted at improving access to adequate housing, and water and sanitation?