

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO PAKISTAN (FIRST BATCH)

BRAZIL

- How does your country envisage to promote synergies in implementing the UPR recommendations and the Sustainable Development Goals, under the 2030 Agenda, especially regarding goals 1 and 5?
- What measures has your country undertaken for the adoption of a national refugee law, as well as for the ratification of the Convention relating to the Status of Refugees and its 1967 Protocol?

GERMANY

- How is the Pakistan tackling the persisting issue of enforced disappearances and would it consider including enforced disappearances as a specific crime into the Pakistan Penal Code, and to ratify the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearances?
- What has the Pakistan done regarding recommendations it had received in the second UPR cycle on reviewing public school curricula in order to eliminate prejudice against religious and other minorities?
- Has the Pakistan undertaken any steps to protect the rights of defendants accused of blasphemy, considering the risk that the blasphemy law is abused to settle personal scores or to target religious minorities?
- Which measures has the Pakistan taken to fight against widespread cases of arbitrary arrest, torture and other ill-treatments?
- Considering the end of the moratorium on executions was presented as a measure against terrorism, while many inmates on death row were sentenced for crimes not related to terrorism: Has the Pakistan taken any steps to reduce the number of crimes for which the death penalty is imposed?

SLOVENIA

- Slovenia notes with appreciation that Pakistan adopted the Anti-rape and Anti-honour Killing Laws in 2016. In this regard, we would appreciate if the Pakistani delegation could provide more details regarding specific steps taken for the effective implementation of these laws and other relevant laws criminalizing violence against women, and about further and additional measures of the Pakistani government to tackle and end impunity against reportedly high level of violence against women, including rape, acid attack crimes, domestic violence, marital rape and the so-called honour killings?

- Slovenia also notes various domestic initiatives to improve the lives of children in Pakistan. Taking into account that in the field of Children's rights many issues remain without visible improvements, we would like to ask about specific measures taken to prevent early and forced child marriages, to improve literacy rate of girls and to reduce and prevent School dropout, particularly among girls and children in rural areas.

SWEDEN

- What measures is the Government of Pakistan taking to ensure thorough reporting, effective investigations and increased levels of prosecution and conviction in cases of violence against women?
- Could the Government of Pakistan please elaborate on what has been done to promote support structures and adequate resources for the protection of women?
- Could the Government of Pakistan please elaborate on what concrete measures it is taking to ensure impartial, prompt and thorough investigations on crimes against journalists and media workers and to hold perpetrators accountable?
- What measures is the Government of Pakistan planning to implement to ensure the protection of journalists and media workers who face violence, harassment and threats due to their profession?
- What legal measures is the Government of Pakistan taking to restrict the use of the death penalty and ensure that it is applied in accordance with international law?

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

- We commend Pakistan's efforts to protect children from all forms of exploitation and abuse, including child labor. However, we remain concerned about the significant number of children still engaged in work that limits or prohibits their development. What steps is the Government of Pakistan taking to establish a minimum age for employment and effective prohibitions on hazardous work across all provinces, consistent with internationally recognized labor standards?
- Reports indicate that Pakistan does not have a sufficient number of labor inspectors to enforce laws that would protect children from the worst forms of child labor and penalize those that violate that law. What plans are in place to increase the number of inspectors and provide the funding necessary to adequately hire, train, and equip inspectors and investigators to enforce laws prohibiting the worst forms of child labor?
- What efforts is the Government of Pakistan making to hold accountable those who commit religiously motivated acts of violence?
- What steps is the government of Pakistan taking to provide full rights and protection to all, including the Shi'a, Ahmadi, and members of other religious minorities?

- Reports indicate that police are often slow or reluctant to investigate crimes against transgender persons. What steps is Pakistan taking to protect transgender persons from violence and to hold perpetrators accountable?
- The passage of Pakistan's 2016 anti-honor killing law closed a loophole that had allowed perpetrators to be pardoned by relatives of the victim. What steps will Pakistan take to work to bring an end to this practice?