

## **ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO PAKISTAN (SECOND BATCH)**

### **BELGIUM**

- During the previous UPR the Government of Pakistan accepted the recommendation to ensure investigations and prosecutions of those responsible for abduction and enforced disappearances. The Working Group on Enforced and Involuntary Disappearances reiterated its concern about the widespread practice of enforced disappearances in 2016. Which steps did Pakistan take to tackle this issue since the last UPR? Is Pakistan considering to ratify the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance?
- Pakistan endorsed the ‘UN Plan of Action on the Safety of Journalists and the Issue of Impunity’ and launched it in 2013. Which steps has Pakistan already taken, and what action is foreseen in the future, to ensure full implementation of this action plan?
- How will Pakistan ensure that the ‘Prevention of Electronic Crimes Act’ from 2016 will not limit the press freedom, and how will it guarantee the protection of personal information in line with its obligations under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights?
- Belgium welcomes the approval by the National Assembly of the federal ‘Right to Access to Information Act’ of 2017. How will Pakistan ensure that all inhabitants, regardless of their place of residence, will have equal access to information from different authorities?
- Article 25a of the Constitution stipulates the principle of free and compulsory education for all girls and boys between 5 and 16 years old. How is Pakistan putting this principle into practice to ensure that enrolment rates at all levels of education are increased?

### **CZECHIA**

- Is the Government considering re-establishing a moratorium on the death penalty, which had been lifted in 2014?
- How is ensured prevention of torture and independent investigation and, where appropriate, prosecution of perpetrators of such acts, in particular in the context of the fights against terrorism? Does the Government consider ratification of OP CAT and establishment of the national preventive mechanism accordingly?
- What steps is the Government taking to prevent and effectively prosecute violence against women, including honour killings, and to assist its victims including in the area of access to justice, shelters and health care?
- How is ensured protection of independent journalists against any intimidation or violence, including enforced disappearance?
- What measures are being taken to prevent and prosecute attacks against persons belonging to religious or sexual minorities? Does the Government consider revision of the Law on Blasphemy so that it can not be abused against religious minorities?

- How is ensured safe and enabling space for the civil society, including international NGOs? Does the Government consider revision of its “Policy for Regulation of INGOs in Pakistan” in this regard?

## **ESTONIA**

- How is guaranteed children’s access to education, especially for girls and children living in rural areas?
- How is guaranteed access to Internet, especially for women and girls, and under what grounds and for which reasons access to Internet can be limited?
- What is the state of play in terms of acceding to the Rome Statute?

## **NORWAY**

- Which steps will Pakistan take to ensure due process in trials where the death penalty is an option, especially in the military courts?
- Which steps has Pakistan taken to follow up previously accepted recommendations from UPR to guarantee freedom of religion in law and practice and to end religious discrimination, harassment and attacks on minorities?
- Which steps will Pakistan take to ensure implementation of new laws and amendments on discrimination and violence against women adopted at the federal and provincial levels?
- Which steps will Pakistan take to investigate and prosecute government officials and non-state perpetrators for alleged harassment and murder of members of the media and human rights defenders?

## **SWITZERLAND**

- La Suisse avait recommandé au Pakistan lors du deuxième cycle de l’EPU de lever les réserves restantes relatives à la Convention contre la torture. Même si nous regrettons que cette recommandation n’ait pas été acceptée, la Suisse salue la coopération du Pakistan avec le Comité contre la torture auquel il a récemment soumis son rapport initial. Lors de son examen en mai 2017, ce dernier a recommandé au Pakistan plusieurs mesures afin de prévenir et combattre la torture et les mauvais traitements. Il a notamment suggéré la création d’un mécanisme d’investigation indépendant.
  - Quelles sont les mesures prises par le Pakistan, en conformité avec ses obligations internationales, afin de mettre en œuvre les recommandations du Comité contre la torture?
  - Le Pakistan, considère-t-il adhérer au Protocole facultatif se rapportant à la Convention contre la torture ?

- Comme déjà mentionné lors du dernier examen de l'EPU du Pakistan, la Suisse s'inquiète de la discrimination et la violence à l'égard des minorités ethniques et religieuses au Pakistan et l'absence d'action par les autorités afin de prévenir de tels actes et poursuivre les responsables. Elle avait notamment recommandé aux autorités de s'assurer que les lois pénalisant le blasphème et leur application soient conformes au droit international. Le Comité des droits l'homme a exprimé des préoccupations similaires vis-à-vis du Pakistan lors de son examen en juillet 2017.
  - Quelles mesures prendra le Pakistan afin de s'assurer que les lois pénalisant le blasphème et leur application soient conformes au droit international ?
  - Quelle suite donnera le Pakistan aux recommandations du Comité des droits de l'homme (CCPR/C/PAK/CO/1, §34) concernant la liberté de religion ou de conviction ?
- La politique de réglementation des organisations non gouvernementales internationales au Pakistan peut potentiellement limiter l'enregistrement des ONG internationales et leurs activités. La loi permet notamment de présenter des motifs généraux et vagues afin de justifier l'annulation de l'enregistrement de ces organisations (art. 18, 19 et 22).
  - Est-ce que le Pakistan a-t-il prévu de revoir sa législation en la matière ?
  - Quelles sont les mesures prises par le Pakistan afin d'éviter toute interprétation abusive de ladite législation?
- Le Pakistan avait accepté la recommandation de la Suisse lors du deuxième cycle de l'EPU de renforcer les efforts en faveur de la lutte contre l'impunité dans le cadre des disparitions forcées en poursuivant tous les responsables en justice.
  - Quelles sont les mesures prises par le Pakistan pour la mise en œuvre de cette recommandation ?
  - Quels sont les résultats atteints respectivement les difficultés rencontrées ?

## **UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND**

- What steps is Pakistan taking to tackle the abuse and misuse of the Blasphemy Laws, and more recently terror laws, which are disproportionately targeted towards minorities, including Ahmadiyya Muslims?
- What practical measures has the Government introduced to tackle forced labour, modern slavery and human trafficking?
- What steps is Pakistan taking to ensure that its application of the death penalty complies fully with international norms and obligations, including juveniles and persons with disabilities?

- What steps is Pakistan taking to ensure that the judiciary, prosecutors and law enforcement officials are appropriately sensitised and trained to deal with gender based violence?
- What steps is Pakistan taking to ensure prompt, thorough and effective investigations into all allegations of torture, ill treatment and extra-judicial killings by law enforcement officials and security officials and ensure those responsible are held accountable?