

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO CANADA (SECOND BATCH)

SLOVENIA

- Concerning the announcement of the creation of the Canadian Ombudsperson for Responsible Enterprise (CORE) we would like to ask when CORE will be operational.
- What measures the Government of Canada intends to take to ensure non-discriminatory and culturally appropriate First Nations Child and Family Services and other essential public services, including education, health, culture and language.

SWITZERLAND

- Switzerland welcomes the establishment of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls as well as the federal strategy to prevent and address gender-based violence (GBV). Is Canada planning to develop a national action plan on GBV applying to all federal, provincial and territorial jurisdictions?
- We welcome the historic high-level FPT meeting on human rights in December 2017. What will be its follow-up to ensure the coordination of the implementation of international treaty obligations as well as UPR recommendations including with civil society and indigenous organisations?
- The Human Rights Committee expressed its concern (CCPR/C/CAN/CO/6) regarding the rights protected under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights for individuals under the security certificate mechanism. Once special advocates have access to secret evidence they no longer have access to the individual concerned. What measures is the Government of Canada taking to ensure that special advocates can seek all evidence that may be necessary to represent their clients?
- Will the mandate of the soon to be established Canadian Ombudsperson on Responsible Enterprise include the powers to be able to compel corporate disclosure of documents when carrying out investigations?

UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND

- In line with Sustainable Development Goal 8.7, what practical steps is the Government of Canada taking to tackle forced labour, modern slavery and human trafficking?
- Noting the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls; what action is the federal government taking to address the issue of gender-based violence, its causes and impacts, in all communities, but especially among marginalised women and girls?

- What plans does the government of Canada have to revisit legislation which criminalised paying for sexual services or advertising their sale?
- What measures has Canada taken to address the continued problem of access to clean water on some aboriginal reserves? What resources will the government commit to ensure every citizen has access to clean, potable water?
- Since announcing in 2016 that it would begin the process of joining the Optional Protocol of the Committee Against Torture (OP-CAT), what are the issues that have delayed its ratification to date and how does Canada plan to overcome them?

SWEDEN

- What measures is the Government of Canada taking to ensure the enjoyment of human rights of indigenous peoples in accordance with the UN Declaration on Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP)?

LIECHTENSTEIN

- Liechtenstein recognizes Canada's commitment to international criminal justice, as evidenced by its ratification of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC).
- What steps has Canada taken to ratify the Kampala amendments to the Rome Statute on the crime of aggression?

BELGIUM

- Le Canada envisage-t-il de ratifier le Protocole facultatif se rapportant au Pacte international relatif aux droits économiques, sociaux et culturels et le Protocole facultatif à la Convention internationale relative aux droits de l'enfant établissant une procédure de plaintes?
- Quand le Canada pense-t-il pouvoir finaliser la ratification du Protocole facultatif à la Convention contre la torture et du Protocole facultatif se rapportant à la Convention relative aux droits des personnes handicapées ?
- la Belgique salue les efforts du Canada en vue de mener de manière objective et diligente une enquête au sujet des femmes et des filles autochtones disparues et assassinées. La Belgique souhaiterait connaître les raisons pour lesquelles la Présidente de la Commission d'enquête nationale, Mme Marion Buller, a demandé une prolongation de deux ans du mandat de ladite Commission (qui se termine normalement le 31 décembre 2018) et s'il est dans l'intention du gouvernement canadien d'accorder ce délai supplémentaire.

- La Belgique souhaite également savoir si le Canada va se donner un Plan d'action national de lutte et de prévention sur les violences faites aux femmes autochtones et s'il va clarifier ses objectifs en la matière.
- Quelles mesures le Canada prend-t-il pour protéger et promouvoir les activités des défenseurs des droits de l'Homme actifs en matière d'environnement ?

BRAZIL

- What are the challenges faced by Canada to guarantee the rights of indigenous peoples and how does the country assess the possibility of ratifying ILO Convention 169?
- What measures has Canada taken to ensure that business enterprises respect human rights in their operations, particularly regarding the activities of transnational corporations in third countries?

PORTUGAL

- L'État examiné pourrait-il décrire son mécanisme ou processus national chargé de coordonner la mise en œuvre des recommandations acceptées, le suivi du progrès et de l'impact ?
- L'État examiné a-t-il établi un « mécanisme national de mise en œuvre, d'élaboration de rapport et de suivi » couvrant les recommandations de l'EPU, mais aussi des recommandations/observations faites par les Organes de Traités des Droits de l'Homme, les Procédures Spéciales et les mécanismes régionaux pertinents ? Si oui, pourrait l'État examiné partager brièvement son expérience concernant la création d'un tel mécanisme, y compris les difficultés rencontrées et les enseignements tirés, ainsi que les plans ou les besoins de renforcement du mécanisme dans l'avenir ?