

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO CHAD

CZECH REPUBLIC

- Does the Government of Chad intend to accede to the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment?
- Has the Government of Chad considered issuing a standing invitation to the Special Procedures of the Human Rights Council?
- Bearing in mind the recent executions and death sentences ending the 10 year moratorium on the death penalty, would the Government of Chad consider adopting a moratorium on the death penalty?

GERMANY

- The UN documentation mentions serious violations of the rights of the child, inter alia, with regard to the recruitment of child soldiers by belligerent parties, the trafficking of children, sexual abuse and sexual exploitation of children, child labour and the realisation of the right to education. The Committee of the Rights of the Child had encouraged Chad to adopt a national plan of action on children taking into account the document "A world fit for children" adopted at the General Assembly at its special session on children held in May 2002. Germany would be interested to learn on action taken so far on this recommendation and on possible further measures to effectively ensure the protection and promotion of the Rights of the Child.

THE NETHERLANDS

- On 3 February 2008 Ibni Oumar Mahamat Saleh, a well known Chadian opposition leader was arrested and taken from his house in N'Djamena. A committee of investigation was established to investigate this case, but were according to reports denied access to the responsible authorities and were informed that the authorities had no information regarding his whereabouts. The committee of investigation has presented its report to the president of Chad with the recommendation to refer this case to the judicial authorities. According reports the government has failed to give follow up to this recommendation. It is unknown whether Mr Saleh is still alive. Can the government of Chad give information about the circumstances surrounding the disappearance of Mr Saleh and the implementation of the recommendations by the committee of investigation?
- The Netherlands is concerned by reports indicating extrajudicial killings and use of excessive force by security forces. Can the government of Chad indicate what measures it will take to prevent extrajudicial killings and excessive force and how government officials are held accountable for human rights violations?

- Can the government indicate what measures it will undertake to improve the situation of women, particularly with regard to amending existing legislation concerning violence against and exploitation of women?

SWEDEN

- Chad is a party to the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC). Sweden welcomes steps taken by the Government of Chad to end child recruitment to its national army. The recruitment and use of children by all of the parties to the conflict has, however, continued and only a small number of children have been demobilized since 2007.
 - Could the Government of Chad elaborate on what measures it is taking to prevent recruitment of children by all of the parties to the conflict?
 - What measures does the Government take to release and demobilize the child fighters in its military as well as in other armed groups, including to reintegrate them into the society?
- Credible reports from 2008 show that sexual violence against women and girls remained prevalent in Chad. Women continue to face rape and other forms of sexual violence at the hands of militias, armed groups and Chadian Government soldiers. Displaced women and girls are particularly vulnerable to attack when they venture outside their camps to collect firewood or other essentials. In almost all cases, the perpetrators of these abuses, whether they were state or non-state actors, go unpunished.
 - Could the Government of Chad elaborate on what measures it is taking to combat the impunity and to tackle the problem of violence against women?

UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND

- What plans does the Government of Chad have for revitalising the National Commission on Human Rights (CNDH)? To what extent does this body currently conform to the Paris Principles for evaluating national human rights institutions?
- Has the Chadian Government received the communications on arbitrary detention referred to in paragraph 26 of the compiled report prepared by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (A/HRC/WG.6/5/TCD/2), and do they intend to provide a response?
- Does the Chadian Government have any plans to sign and ratify the Optional Protocol Against Torture (OPCAT)?
- What steps has the Chadian Government taken to implement the recommendations of the Paris Principles on children associated with armed forces or armed groups?

- What measures are the Chadian authorities taking to increase prosecutions of perpetrators of gender-based violence, particularly offences that occur in refugee and IDP camps?
- What steps is the Chadian Government taking to prevent recruitment of children in refugee and IDP camps into the Chadian Armed Forces (ANT) and armed groups such as the Justice and Equality Movement?
