

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO IRAQ- ADD.1

CZECH REPUBLIC

- Does Iraq consider acceding to the Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and the Optional Protocol thereto? How is ensured monitoring of conditions in detention and prisons and is there any complaint mechanism for victims of torture?
- Does Iraq consider issuing a standing invitation to the human rights special procedures? With regard to the number of pending requests of the special procedure, we would like to ask whether and in which time would these visits take place?
- Does Iraq consider reviewing or withdrawing its reservations to CEDAW? What measures are being adopted to fight discrimination of women – does the government foresee a revision of its legislation in this regard? What measures are being adopted to strengthen access of girls to education? What measures are being adopted to fight violence against women including “honour crimes”?
- What human rights education is provided to members of the police, prison and detention staff and judiciary? How is ensured their accountability for possible violations of human rights?
- What measures are being adopted to fight the extreme violence against sexual minorities and to fight discrimination and negative stereotypes against them? Have any perpetrators of attacks on persons of actual or perceived minority sexual orientation or gender identity been investigated and punished?
- Does the government consider raising the age of criminal responsibility of children?

GERMANY

- The Summary of stakeholders submissions provided by the OHCHR reflects reports by Non-Governmental Organisations about assassinations, abductions, arrests and banishments of Iraqi intellectuals. Among these intellectuals there have been several members of the judiciary of the country, who reportedly disagreed with the views of the authorities. Germany would like to know how the Government of Iraq respond to meet this challenge and in particular guarantee the neutrality and independence of the judiciary?
- In 2008, 285 trials with death penalties have been registered in Iraq. The Summary of stakeholders submissions provided by the OHCHR reflects

concerns expressed by Amnesty International relating to the course of trials leading to the capital punishment (shortness of the trial for instance, allegations of torture by those. The German delegation would like to know about plans of the Government of Iraq to abolish the death penalty?

SWITZERLAND

- Can the Iraqi government consider establishing a moratorium on death penalty?
- What are the measures taken by the Iraqi government to combat torture?
