

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO SOUTH AFRICA

IRELAND

- What measures have been taken to promote the role of human rights defenders, through education and inclusion in decision-making, in particular amongst national authorities, law enforcement officials and security officers?
- What measures have been put in place to support the work of human rights defenders?

GERMANY

- Which measures are envisaged by the GoSA to improve equal access to health care and treatment for women suffering from HIV ?
- Regarding the alarmingly high crime rates, which measures are intended to be taken by the GoSA to improve the security of its citizens and to enhance the protection of particularly vulnerable groups such as women and children?
- South Africa's constitution is considered one of the most progressive with regard to access to safe drinking water given the fact that the right to access to safe drinking water is explicitly mentioned. Contrary to many other states, South Africa was able to substantially increase the number of people with access to water. How could South Africa's example serve as an example of "best practices" and what are the advantages of a human rights based approach to the water issue?

PORTUGAL

- South Africa is an important player in the development of human rights law, namely regarding economic, social and cultural rights. The Government of South Africa, however, has not yet ratified ICESCR. Does the GoSA have a timetable for ratification? Would it be possible to have some information on the difficulties South Africa is facing in the ratification process?