

## ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO EGYPT

### **BELGIUM**

- Is the Government of Egypt considering issuing a standing invitation to the special procedures?
- The Government of Egypt has agreed in principle to visits of the special rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography, the special rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences, and the special rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence. Has the Government of Egypt set concrete dates for these visits?
- Does the Government of Egypt intend to respond positively to the requests for a visit of several other special rapporteurs and working groups?
- Does the Government of Egypt intend to ratify the Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance and the Optional Protocol to the CAT?
- What is the state of play of the ratification process of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, which Egypt has signed in 2000?
- Is the Government of Egypt considering accepting the individual complaints procedure under the human rights conventions to which it is already a State party?
- Some reports from the Government of Egypt to the treaty bodies are overdue. What measures are you envisaging to remedy this?
- How is the Government of Egypt ensuring the rights provided for in articles 96 and 98 of the Constitution?
- Which measures is the Government of Egypt taking to ensure the right to a fair trial in conformity with article 14 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights?
- What steps is the Government of Egypt undertaking to ensure that those who use excessive and unnecessary lethal force against protesters are brought to justice?
- What follow-up has the Government of Egypt given to the appeal of a group of special procedures mandate holders to quash the death sentences announced on 24 March 2014 and 15 May 2014?
- How is the Government of Egypt ensuring the implementation of article 80 of the Constitution?
- Which steps has the Government of Egypt taken to follow-up the CRC's recommendation

to put in place a system of specialised child courts and specialized child prosecution offices?

- How has the Government of Egypt addressed the call of the CRC and CEDAW to ensure the prohibition of FGM as well as the prosecution of the perpetrators?

## **LIECHTENSTEIN**

- What steps has Egypt taken to release and drop charges against all those detained for exercising their rights to freedom of association, including those detained solely for membership in the Muslim Brotherhood?
- Liechtenstein recalls that intelligence agencies must ensure that their policies and practices adhere to international human rights and adequately protect the rights to privacy and freedom of expression. A decision to conduct surveillance must be based on a balance between the right to respect for private life, and public interests. Will the Government of Egypt review its communications surveillance policy to ensure that determinations related to communications surveillance are made by a competent judicial authority that is impartial and independent?
- What steps will Egypt take to establish independent oversight mechanisms to ensure transparency and accountability of communications surveillance policies and practices?
- When introducing new mass communications surveillance programs: How will Egypt ensure that such a program is deployed in accordance with international human rights standards which require that all interference with protected information to be legal, legitimate, necessary, adequate, and proportionate, decided upon by a competent judicial authority and dealt with due process amongst others criteria?
- What steps will Egypt take to ensure that all allegations of violations of the right to privacy resulting in unlawful public disclosures of personal data are promptly, thoroughly and impartially investigated and those responsible brought to justice?
- What steps has Egypt taken to enact measures criminalizing domestic violence and amend personal status laws that discriminate against women on issues of divorce, custody and inheritance?
- Liechtenstein recalls that, in the first round of the Universal Periodic Review, Egypt accepted the recommendation to ratify the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. What steps has Egypt taken to ratify the Rome Statute in its 2010 version?

## **NETHERLANDS**

### **Preventing Torture (previous recommendation of the NL - 2010)**

1. When will the Egyptian authorities facilitate a visit of the Special Rapporteur on Torture to the country and commit to address his subsequent recommendations?
2. Which concrete steps are taken by Egyptian authorities to amend article (126) of the Penal Code to comply with the definition of torture as stated in the Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment?

**Sexual violence and Equal Rights for Women (previous recommendation of the NL-2010)**

3. Which concrete steps have been taken by the authorities to amend the Personal Status Law and Penal Code to guarantee equal rights for women and provide guarantees that domestic violence will be effectively prosecuted?
4. Which concrete steps will be taken by the authorities to criminalize all forms of sexual violence in the law and to amend legislation to encompass a broad definition for all sexual violence crimes such as rape?

**Freedom of Association:**

5. Will the Egyptian authorities halt the ultimatum for unregistered NGOs, which was issued on 18 July 2014 and which now ends on 10 November 2014, and suspend it until the new NGO law will be effective, after endorsement by Parliament?

**Death Penalty**

6. Which concrete steps is the Egyptian government willing to take to impose an immediate moratorium on executions and to reduce the number of crimes punishable by death, with a view to abolishing the death penalty?

**ICC**

7. Is the government of Egypt planning to accede to and to fully align its national legislation with the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC), including by incorporating provisions to cooperate promptly and fully with the International Criminal Court and to investigate and prosecute genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes effectively before its national courts, and accede to the Agreement on Privileges and Immunities of the Court (APIC)?