

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO ZIMBABWE (SECOND BATCH)

GERMANY

- What steps is Zimbabwe taking in order to ensure that women are adequately represented in leading political and economic positions?
- What steps is Zimbabwe taking in order to finally pass the Marriages bill, protecting minor girls from forced marriage?
- When will the Independent Complaints Commission, responsible for investigating cases of excessive use of violence by members of the security forces, be established and what steps has Zimbabwe taken so far in order to investigate the disappearance of members of the opposition, especially the cases of Mamombe, Chimbiri, Marova as well as Muchehiva?
- Will Zimbabwe increase the currently inadequate funding for the National Peace and Reconciliation Commission and the Zimbabwe Human Rights Commission?

PANAMA

- What measures has Zimbabwe taken to prevent and mitigate the negative effects of climate change and environmental degradation, particularly in relation to food and water security, and to integrate a gender perspective in related policies and programmes?
- We note that Zimbabwe has not carried out an execution since 2005. Could Zimbabwe please elaborate on the progress made towards abolishing the death penalty and the formal commutation of pending death sentences?
- Has Zimbabwe any future plans to sign the Declaration on Children, Youth and Climate Action, and to ratify the Arms Trade Treaty and the Convention on Cluster Munitions?
- The CEDAW recommended that Zimbabwe amend the Trafficking in Persons Act to incorporate a definition of trafficking in persons that is consistent with the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. We took note on the information provided in paragraph 98 of its national report regarding Zimbabwe's efforts towards this end. Could Zimbabwe further elaborate on the current state of play of the draft amendment bill?
- What steps have been taken to ensure that all children born in Zimbabwe, regardless of their parents' origin, are issued with birth certificates?

UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND

- What actions will the Government of Zimbabwe take to ensure arrests are carried out in accordance with the law, without harassment, intimidation, abuse, excessive use of force, or unwarranted lengthy pre-trial detentions that violate international human rights law?

- What measures is the Government of Zimbabwe taking to protect freedom of expression, including on digital platforms?
- What measures are being undertaken to guarantee civic space, with full respect for the freedom of peaceful assembly and association, to ensure a safe and enabling environment for civil society organisations, journalists, human rights defenders and opposition parties to operate in?
- Noting that authorities have reported escalating rates of child marriage during the pandemic, what mechanisms is the Government of Zimbabwe implementing to prevent the occurrence of child, early and forced marriages?
- What measures is the Government of Zimbabwe taking to facilitate the birth registration process and the issuance of identification documents to ensure all citizens can exercise their civil and political rights and access crucial health and education services?

SPAIN

- While welcoming the future Law on Marriages, what concrete measures are the authorities taking to step up their fight against widespread child marriages?
- What concrete steps is the Government taking to implement free and universal compulsory education in Zimbabwe?
- What concrete measures does the government plan to implement in order to enforce the ban on child labour?
- Is the Government intending to allocate adequate resources and to establish relevant monitoring and evaluation mechanisms to ensure the successful implementation of the National Programme for the Prevention and Response to Gender-based Violence?
- What measures is the country implementing to guarantee the enjoyment of the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation?

BELGIUM

- Is the government of Zimbabwe considering ratifying the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and the Convention for the Protection of All Persons against Enforced Disappearance?
- As a strong proponent of the abolition of the death penalty, Belgium applauds the moratorium on in place and would like to ask if the government of Zimbabwe is considering to take further steps to effectively abolish the death penalty through the ratification of the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty?
- Will the government of Zimbabwe consider issuing a standing invitation to the special procedures and respond positively to the outstanding requests of special rapporteurs to visit the country?
- Noting with satisfaction the commitment of the government of Zimbabwe to end gender-based violence, Belgium would like to ask how Zimbabwe is planning to ensure the broadest possible access to justice and psycho-social support for victims and to raise

awareness on the criminal nature of such violence, including the grave impact on women's enjoyment of their rights?

- Would the government of Zimbabwe consider, in order to combat all forms of discrimination, including on the basis of sexual orientation, to repeal the provisions in the Criminal Code criminalizing sexual relations between consenting adults of the same sex?