

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA- ADD.1

CZECH REPUBLIC

- What measures is the Government preparing to eliminate discriminatory provisions from the Constitution?
- Does the Government consider adopting comprehensive antidiscrimination legislation including i.a. also protection against discrimination based on sex or gender?
- What measures have been adopted or are being prepared to strengthen protection of persons against statelessness, in particular with regard to Romas? Is universal birth registration guaranteed in all circumstances including for Roma children?
- What support is available to support returning refugees and IDPs and to ensure sustainability of their return, does the Government view these issues as a priority?
- What measures has the government adopted to prevent and fight intolerance and hate crime?

GERMANY

- Concerns have been expressed vis-à-vis the judicial system, in particular impunity for crimes of sexual violence arising from the armed conflict in the country. Amnesty International noted the inadequate legal definition of these crimes leading to an insufficient legal framework and little protection for witnesses. The former Field Office in Bosnia and Herzegovina of the OHCHR reported that the efforts to prosecute those perpetrators have not been completed so far. How does the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina respond to meet this challenge, especially the impunity of sexual violence?
- UNHCR indicated that in the aftermath of the war 1992-95, about 117,000 people still remain internally displaced within Bosnia and Herzegovina. These persons, especially women and children, are sometimes the victims of internal trafficking or trafficking to other countries, due to discrimination, the need for job opportunities and lack of legal migration projects. Germany would like to ask which measures the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina has undertaken to work towards a solution for the above mentioned problem of IDPs and human trafficking?

UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND

- Could you please elaborate on the role played by civil society in the preparation of your national report and how you plan on engaging with civil society in the follow-up to your UPR?
- Please could you elaborate on how your Government will ensure enforcement of the 2009 Law on Prohibition of Discrimination bearing in mind the

complex nature of Bosnia and Herzegovina State which has led to enforcement challenges with previous legislative provision on discrimination?

- We would be grateful for information on how plans are progressing for house building and rehabilitation for the approximately 117,000 currently displaced persons in Bosnia and Herzegovina.
- How will Bosnia and Herzegovina ensure employment opportunities and reintegration without prejudice for returning refugees?
- Could you please explain what measures the Bosnian authorities are undertaking to guarantee the freedom of the media in Bosnia and Herzegovina and particularly to protect the jurisdiction and independence of the Communications Regulatory Agency? Would these measures also apply to the electronic media?
- We understand that four per cent of primary school-age children are not enrolled in education due to distance from school, inaccessibility of school to children with special needs, extreme poverty and non-possession of documents. Could you please provide more information about how you plan to implement monitoring systems to ensure children from rural communities, poorer households and minorities attend primary and secondary school?
- Please could you tell us how the Bosnia and Herzegovina authorities are dealing with outstanding War Crimes cases?
- Could you please elaborate on the existence of a national human rights institution which is in accordance with the Paris principles?
