

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO KAZAKHSTAN- ADD.2

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- How does the government of Kazakhstan define a “destructive religious cult”? Would the Kazakh government consider groups as Ahmadi Muslims, Hare Krishna’s, Jehova’s Witnesses, Baptists, Protestants and Unification Church extremist non-traditional religious movements?
- Could the government of Kazakhstan explain why the party ‘Alga’ has thus far been unable to register as an official political party and does the government expect them to be able to participate in the next parliamentary elections?
- Which concrete steps will the government of Kazakhstan take this year to improve the freedom of media?
- In §87 of the Country Report, the government indicates that Kazakhstan has not once returned a foreigner with refugee status to another State. However we understand that after the clashes in Urumchi in July 2009 some Uygurs fled to Kazakhstan upon which they were deported back to China. Could the government of Kazakhstan clarify why they were not granted refugee status?
- Would the Government of Kazakhstan be willing to increase the independence of the judiciary by taking measures to limit the powers of prosecutors?
- In §53 of its national report, the government of Kazakhstan indicates that two people were convicted for instances of torture in 2008. The same paragraph states that 6,493 cases of unlawful acts were brought before the courts in the same year. Of course by far not all unlawful acts involve torture, but could the Kazakh representation account for this discrepancy between potential cases and actual convictions?
