

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA

UNITED KINGDOM

- Please could you provide information on the extent to which civil society in Libya was consulted in the preparation of your national report for this process?
- Please could you inform us as to whether an independent national human rights institution exists in your country and whether it operates in accordance the Paris principles designed to guide the practice of such institutions?
- We welcome the ongoing review of the Penal Code and the Press Law. Please could you send an update on the progress of consultations on these new laws, including when the Libyan Government expects them to be presented to the Basic People's Congresses for consideration?
- Please could you provide further information about the progress of the investigation launched in September 2009 into the disturbances at Abu Selim high security prison? Will the families of all those who have died in Libyan custody receive accurate death certificates stating the place, date and exact circumstances of their death?
- What steps has Libya taken to investigate the disappearances of Jaballa Matar, Izzat al-Megaryef and Mansur al-Kikhya and what were the results of these investigations?
- Have all of Libya's political prisoners and arbitrary detainees been released? We would be grateful for confirmation whether those released include Mahmoud Mohamed Aboushima, Abdellatif Al Ragoubi and Mahmud Hamed Matar?
- We would like to highlight the case of a UK national who was detained incommunicado for a period of five months without any charges being brought and note that the Libyan penal code forbids kidnap and imprisonment (article 428). We would welcome information on how reports of extra-judicial detention are investigated, how many individuals have been convicted on charges of false imprisonment over the last five years, and whether any measures have been put in place to prevent repetition of this crime?
- We note Libya's closure of its migrant detention centres and its decision to grant the released migrants residence permits with temporary validity. Could you provide further information on how Libya plans to deal with these migrants once these permits expire and also other migrants apprehended in Libya without the appropriate permits in future?
