ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO TIMOR LESTE – Add.1

CZECH REPUBLIC

- How does the Government tackle the critical lack of judicial personnel (namely judges, prosecutors, public defenders), effectively resulting in frequent violence of the right to a fair trial?
- We note there has been some improvement in accountability for human rights violations happening between 1974 and 1999, nonetheless, how does the Government respond to the allegations that virtually none of the persons convicted for serious crimes conducted within the 1999 conflict actually served their sentences and that there is a general feeling that impunity has been granted to those perpetrators?
- With regard to women's rights which's enforcement remains a major issue in the country, we appreciate that Timor-Leste adopted a Law against Domestic Violence. What steps does the Government foresee taking to ensure full enforcement of this law? Does it also plan on presenting a bill on sexual harassment which yet remains a serious unaddressed problem?
- Can the Government be expected to ratify ILO Convention No. 138 concerning the Minimum Age for Admission to Employment in the near future and by its efficient implementation ensure the eradication of child labor?