

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO ISRAEL- ADDENDUM

DENMARK

- Reliable reports indicate [widespread] use of torture and ill treatment. What further steps are you taking to prevent and eliminate torture? When do you intend to ratify OPCAT?
- How will the Israeli Government ensure that the policy of administrative detention of Palestinians, including Palestinian children, at Israeli detention centers without charges and trial procedures and without access for the detainees or their lawyers to see the details of the evidence against them will be brought in agreement with international standards?
- How does the Israeli Government react to the concerns of impunity that are raised by several NGO's, including regarding impunity for attacks against Palestinian human rights defenders?

LATVIA

- According to the information by the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, 63 countries from different regions of the world have issued standing invitations to all special procedures of the Human Rights Council. Considering the previous positive cooperation of Israel with numerous special procedures mandate holders - would your country consider extending a standing invitation to all special procedures of the Human Rights Council in the future?

NETHERLANDS

- We fully understand and endorse Israel's need to provide security to its own people. At the same time we recognise the importance of providing the people in the Palestinian Territories with ample opportunities to reach an adequate standard of living. A situation in which stringent Israeli security measures are used by extremist Palestinian forces as a justification for violent actions against Israeli civilians must be avoided. Within this context could Israel explain how it will work towards significant improvements for the people in Gaza and the West Bank in the areas of access and freedom of movement?
- Arabs, both Muslims and Christians, constitute one of the largest minority group in Israel. To what extent has progress been made in reaching equality between Jewish and Arab Israelis, and - more specifically - have all recommendations of the Or-Commission been implemented?