

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO IRAQ- ADD.2

ARGENTINA

Derechos de los niños.

- ¿Cuáles han sido las medidas adoptadas por el Estado de Irak tendientes a evitar el reclutamiento de menores para su participación en conflictos armados, como así también, las vías legales y judiciales adoptadas tendientes a criminalizar acciones de tal tipo, asegurando el juzgamiento y encarcelamiento de los culpables?

Derechos de la mujer.

- De acuerdo con los informes producidos por la CEDAW, la representación de Argentina agradecería preguntar qué medidas el Gobierno iraquí prevé adoptar respecto de la revisión de toda disposición legal discriminatoria, como así también la toma de medidas tendientes a eliminar la violencia doméstica y comunitaria contra la mujer, la mutilación genital femenina y asegurar el acceso de la mujer a la educación, y establecer un marco social de no discriminación.

Protección de Población Civil

- Conforme las recomendaciones de la UNAMI (The United Nations Mission for Iraq) sobre la adopción de medidas tendientes a evitar los ataques de fuerzas armadas contra la población civil, y reconociendo el carácter de crimen de guerra que reviste tal comportamiento, la República Argentina desea preguntar cuáles han sido las medidas adoptadas en tal sentido y los resultados obtenidos como consecuencia de los acciones penales incoadas por el Estado iraquí.

Tortura

- Conforme a las recomendaciones emitidas por la UNAMI: ¿Cuáles han sido las medidas adoptadas tendientes a investigar, y encarcelar a los culpables, en los casos de tortura denunciados, que son llevados a la práctica por las fuerzas policiales y militares, tanto iraquíes como extranjeras en territorio iraquí?

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Rights of children

- What measures has Iraq taken aimed at preventing the recruitment and participation of children in armed conflict? In this regard, we would also like to know what judicial proceedings have been carried out in order to criminalize actions of its kind, and to ensure the prosecution and imprisonment of those responsible for these acts.

Rights of women

- Argentina would like to ask what measures the Iraqi government plans to take regarding all legal provisions that discriminate against women, and also with regard to domestic and community violence against women, female genital mutilation, and access to education.

Protection of Civilians

- Argentina wishes to ask what measures have been taken to prevent armed attacks against civilians, and in this regard, which are the results obtained from the criminal proceedings.

Torture

- What steps have been taken toward the investigation of the reported cases of torture carried out by Iraqi and foreign police and military forces in Iraq?

NETHERLANDS

- Taking into account persisting shortcomings in the legal process, as described among others by UNAMI, what guarantees can the Government of Iraq give that no innocent people will be sentenced to death? Furthermore, under what conditions would the Iraqi government reinstate a moratorium on the execution of the death penalty?
- What guarantees can the Iraqi government give that no prisoners are being tortured by security forces and prison staff? The stakeholders' report mentions the existence of unofficial detention centres. Does the Iraqi government acknowledge the existence of such unofficial detention centres and, if so, would it consider steps to bring them under the direct authority of the government?
- It has been reported that persons raising human rights issues, such as NGO staff and journalists, face intimidation and worse. Could the Government of Iraq elaborate on the measures it could take to protect human rights defenders effectively?
- Is the Iraqi Government aware of the occurrence of assassinations of homosexuals solely on the basis of their sexuality and the deterioration of the position of homosexuals in Iraq? Could it indicate what steps it has taken to improve the situation regarding homosexuals?
- In its national report, the Iraqi government mentions the subjection of minorities to grave violations of human rights, largely by terrorist groups and outlawed militias. Could the Government elaborate on the "various measures" it has taken "to provide protection and emergency aid to vulnerable minorities"? Furthermore, is the Government aware of the alleged incidents of violations of the human rights of the Shabaks and Yezidi minorities by Kurdish forces, and if so, what has it done to respond to those?

- Can the Government guarantee that honour killings are adequately investigated and persecuted? Are the Government and the KRG willing to take further steps to prevent honour killings and other forms of (domestic) violence against women?
