

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO GUYANA – ADD.2

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- **Capital punishment**

Guyana is the only country in Latin America that imposes the death penalty. Would the Government consider steps to abolish the death penalty or a call for a moratorium?

- **Torture and ill-treatment**

The Netherlands has received reports of torture, maltreatment and extrajudicial execution by both Guyana Defence Force and the Guyana Police Force. We note that there is no independent institution tasked with the investigation of such allegations. Would the Government consider measures that would ensure independent investigations into allegations of torture and ill-treatment by the police and army forces?

- **Prison conditions**

What is the policy of Guyana on improving prisoners treatment and prison conditions?

- **Children's rights**

Could the Government elaborate on how the newly-established Child Protection Agency contributes to combating sexual abuse of children and domestic violence against children?

- **Violence against women**

In 2008, the Guyana Police Force received 2,811 complaints of domestic violence. Is the government of Guyana creating awareness with a view to reducing the incidence of, violence against women? What are the prospects for the Sexual Offences legislation to pass in the National Assembly? Could the Government elaborate on the coordinated implementation of the National Domestic Violence Policy?

- **LGBT rights**

Does the Government intend to take measures to ensure that the human rights of the LGBT community is respected? In this light, would the government of Guyana consider removing section 352-354 of Chapter 8:01 of the Criminal Law (Offences) Act?
