

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO PAPUA NEW GUINEA

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- According to the information by the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, 82 countries from different regions of the world have issued standing invitations to all special procedures of the Human Rights Council. Considering previous cooperation of Papua New Guinea with special procedures mandate holders (Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions (23–28 October 1995); Special Rapporteur on torture (14–25 May 2010)) - would your country consider extending a standing invitation to all special procedures of the Human Rights Council in the future?

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- The UK would be grateful if Papua New Guinea could explain why the Human Rights Institution as endorsed by the National Executive Council in 1997 has still not been established?
- What steps is the Government taking, in cooperation with the Autonomous Government of Bougainville, to encourage a transitional justice process for the alleged human rights violations committed during the Bougainville Conflict?
- We would be interested to know what, if any, progress the Government has made in cooperation with the Autonomous Government of Bougainville on the recommendation made by the Special Rapporteur on Torture in 2010 to build a proper correctional facility in the region?
- Please elaborate on what measures you are taking to protect the rights of landowners in discussions over land use and resource rights especially when potential conflicts arise between communities and the extractive industry?
- What steps is the Government taking to address the increasing prevalence of HIV/AIDS epidemic, including providing better access to health services and a better understanding and awareness of the disease? How do you propose tackling the social taboos which result in those living with the disease being subject to violence and discrimination?
- Please elaborate on what measures you are taking to combat gender-based violence and violence against children. What protection and services are you offering victims of domestic violence?
- How do you propose to address the traditional negative perception of women in all areas of society and life in Papua New Guinea, especially in rural areas?
- How do you propose to address the growing number of reports of sorcery-related killings and ensure the perpetrators are brought to justice?