

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

CZECH REPUBLIC

- Does the Government considers ratifying the core human rights instruments as the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and Optional Protocol thereto, Optional Protocols to the International Covenant of Civil and Political Rights, Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women and Optional Protocol thereto, Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, Convention on the Rights of the Child and Optional Protocols thereto, Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and Optional Protocol thereto and International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance?

DENMARK

- Would the United States reconsider its position not to adhere to ICESCR; CEDAW CRC and OPCAT?
- Would the United States consider withdrawing its reservations to CAT and ICCPR to the effect that it “considers itself bound by the obligation...to prevent cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment only insofar as [that] term...means the cruel, unusual and inhumane treatment or punishment prohibited by the Fifth, Eight and/or Fourteenth Amendments”?
- What will the U.S. Government do to follow the recommendation by the international community to ensure that state and federal authorities impose a moratorium on executions with a view to abolishing the death penalty nationwide?
- And until such a moratorium is imposed, which steps will the Government take to restrict the number of offences carrying the death penalty and to instruct the prosecutors in all jurisdictions to cease pursuing death sentences?
- Would the United States consider issuing a standing invitation to the United Nations special procedures?

GERMANY

- CERD recommended, inter alia, that the US recognize the right of Native Americans to participate in decisions affecting them, and consult in good faith with them before adopting and implementing any activity in their lands, and that the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples be

used as a guide to interpret the State obligations under the Convention relating to indigenous peoples.

Germany would be grateful for information how the United States of America is following-up on this recommendation.

LATVIA

- According to the information by the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, 72 countries from different regions of the world have issued standing invitations to all special procedures of the Human Rights Council. Considering previous cooperation of the United States of America with special procedures mandate holders - would your country consider extending a standing invitation to all special procedures of the Human Rights Council in the future?

SLOVENIA

- Does the government of the USA plan to introduce human rights education into primary and secondary educational curricula?
