

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO RWANDA ADD.1

BELGIUM

- Is the Government of Rwanda considering ratifying the Statute of the International Criminal Court?
- Is the Government of Rwanda considering ratifying the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture (CAT)?
- Is the Government of Rwanda considering ratifying the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (CERD)?
- Is the Government of Rwanda considering issuing a standing invitation to the special procedures?
- Which steps has the Government of Rwanda undertaken to submit its third and fourth reports, overdue since 2008, to the Committee on the Rights of the Child?
- Which initiatives has Rwanda taken to ensure the protection of the Batwa community against discrimination?
- How is Rwanda tackling the issue of disproportionate unemployment rates and poverty prevalence among women?
- Which measures are being taken by the Government of Rwanda to ensure that the rural population can equally benefit of the country's economic growth?
- Which measures is Rwanda taking to ensure the freedom of expression and the right to participate in public and political life of journalists in accordance with the the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR)?
- Which are the precise modalities by which Rwanda is aiming to guarantee the independence of the Media High Council?
- Is the Government of Rwanda considering revising the very strict financial requirements to establish new media? If not, what is the objective basis for these criteria?
- Which measures is Rwanda taking to ensure the freedom of expression, association and peaceful assembly of opposition political parties and their right to participate in public and political life of journalists in accordance with the ICCPR?
- Which revisions is Rwanda considering in this respect for the act prohibiting genocidal ideology?

- Which initiatives has Rwanda taken and is it going to take to establish a juvenile justice system in conformity with international standards?
- How is Rwanda preventing the recruitment of children by armed groups operating in Rwanda and in neighboring countries?

GERMANY

- CRC had raised concerns about reports of recruitment of children below the age of 15 years by armed groups operating in Rwanda or in a neighbouring country and about the fact, that not all former child soldiers, notably girls, were provided with the means of psychological recovery and social rehabilitation. It recommended that Rwanda ensure that children under the age of 18 were not recruited into the Local Defence Forces or any armed group on the territory of Rwanda. In 2010, the ILO Committee of Experts made similar requests. Germany would appreciate information on how the government of Rwanda followed up on the recommendations to demobilize child soldiers and secure their rehabilitation and social integration.

NORWAY

- What exact measures have been taken by the Government of Rwanda to investigate and punish those responsible for the violations occurred while participating in the Rwanda Patriotic Front campaign into the Democratic Republic of Congo? Will efforts be made by the Government to make public the results of the prosecutions in question?
- The Genocide Ideology Law has been criticised by several actors for being contrary to international human rights law. What concrete steps is Rwanda planning to take to ensure the law's consistency with Rwanda's international human rights obligations?

SLOVENIA

- What measures has the Government taken to fight the phenomena of child recruitment?