

Universal Periodic Review Working Group – 34th Session

Universal Periodic Review of Iran

Australia's Questions in Advance

Friday 8 November 2019

1. Australia requests an update on the process of reviewing the sentences of those convicted of capital drug crimes which no longer attract the death penalty, including statistics of how many individuals have had their penalties reduced, and how many have not yet been re-sentenced.
2. Australia requests an update on the status and content of the proposed law on violence against women, including information on the degree of protection for women provided by the current draft.
3. Australia welcomes Judiciary Chief Raeisi's announcement in August 2019 to review Article 48 of Iran's Criminal Procedure Code, which requires those accused of serious offences to choose a lawyer from a pre-approved list. Australia requests an update on the progress of this review, including steps planned to remove 'Note to Article 48'.