

## **ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO MALAYSIA (FIRST BATCH)**

### **SWEDEN**

- The steps taken earlier this year – to amend the Dangerous Drugs Act which gives the court a possibility to sentence an offender to life imprisonment instead of a mandatory death penalty – is welcome but far from enough. What steps will be taken to ratify core Human Rights treaties in general and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights in particular, as significant steps to a more restrictive use of capital punishment, with the ultimate goal of abolishing it?
- Sweden welcomes the amendment of the Child Act in 2016 that removed corporal punishment for child convicts. However, Malaysia still retains corporal punishment for several offences and, reportedly, children can still be subject to corporal punishment in schools as a form of disciplinary punishment. How will Malaysia ensure that no one, in particular children, is subject to corporal punishment?
- How is Malaysia working towards the elimination of Female Genital Mutilation, including through changing attitudes that legitimize FGM on traditional or religious grounds?

### **PORTUGAL on behalf of the Group of Friends on NMIRF's**

- Could the State-under-review describe its national mechanism or process responsible for coordinating the implementation of accepted UPR recommendations and the monitoring of progress and impact?
- Has the State-under-review established a dedicated 'national mechanism for implementation, reporting and follow-up' (NMIRF) covering UPR recommendations, but also recommendations/observations generated by the UN human rights Treaty Bodies, the Special Procedures and relevant regional mechanisms? If so, could the State-under-review briefly share its experience on creating such mechanism, including challenges faced and lessons learnt, as well as any plans or needs to strengthen the NMIRF in the future?

### **GERMANY**

- Which UN conventions on human rights does Malaysia plan to ratify in this legislative period?
- Which measures will Malaysia adopt to protect the human rights of LGBTI persons?

### **LIECHTENSTEIN**

- **What steps has Malaysia taken to ratify the Rome Statute in its 2010 version?**

## **UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND**

- What is the timeframe for accession to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination and the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment?
- When does the Malaysian Government expect to bring forward legislation to promote and protect gender rights, including a Gender Equality Act, and legislation to tackle sexual harassment and stalking?
- What steps are the Malaysian Government taking to protect the rights of minority groups, including ethnic and religious minorities, the LGBT community and refugees?
- Will the Malaysian Government move to protect child rights, including ending child marriage and female genital mutilation?
- What action is the Malaysian Government taking to address allegations against enforcement agencies of torture in detention, deaths in custody, and the use of chain remand and preventive detention laws against minors and in non-serious crime?

## **BELGIUM**

- Belgium welcomes the recent announcement of the government of Malaysia to abolish the death penalty. How does Malaysia intend to proceed with the abolishment? Is Malaysia considering, as an immediate measure, to commute all death sentences to terms of imprisonment? Will the government of Malaysia ratify the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights?
- Which initiatives will the government of Malaysia take to curb the increasing trend of child marriages, both in civil and religious marriages?
- Could the government of Malaysia elaborate on the process and timeframe of the ratification of the remaining core international human rights treaties, namely the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment?
- Is the government of Malaysia planning to lift its reservations to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and to the Convention on the Rights of the Child?
- Will the government of Malaysia take effective measures to ensure that perpetrators of rape, including those who rape women with an object or commit incestuous rape, are effectively punished and that they do not evade criminal sanctions by marrying their victims?

## **SLOVENIA**

- We would like to commend the government for the recent decision to abolish the death penalty. In this regard we would like to have some additional information about the process leading to the abolishment as well as about measures taken for all those individuals who had already been sentenced to death?