

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

### **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?

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

- What steps is the Government taking to promote a culture of peace between Greek Cypriots and Turkish Cypriots through its education system?
- What measures is the Government taking to ensure protection for journalists and respect for their right to freedom of expression in relation to the Cyprus issue, as well as their right to carry out investigative reporting without state interference?
- What steps is the Government taking to increase protections against exploitation for migrant domestic workers?
- What procedures does the Government of Cyprus have in place to assess the vulnerability of suspects in detention and their ability to understand their rights, including access to consular authorities in the case of non-Cypriot nationals?
- What measures have been taken to ensure the Ombudsman's compliance with the Paris Principles, and will it be provided with the funding and resources needed to fulfil its mandate?

### **SWEDEN**

- What efforts is the Government of the Republic of Cyprus taking to ensure the safety of journalists and media workers and full respect for freedom of expression in regard to media reporting on the Cyprus issue, including measures to prevent and prosecute threats, including death threats, towards journalists attempting to introduce more conciliatory language in their reporting?
- What measures is the Government of the Republic of Cyprus taking to enhance its capacity to receive, process and ensure dignified living conditions for the increased number of asylum seekers arriving to the island?

- What measures is the Government of the Republic of Cyprus taking to include and consult relevant stakeholders, including religious communities, in the management of Government-administered sites of cultural heritage that also function as places of worship, as to facilitate, rather than impede, the right to worship?

## **UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

- The United States is concerned that the Muslim community has access to only eight mosques. What steps is the Government of the Republic of Cyprus taking to address these concerns?
- The United States is concerned by some religious groups' claimed lack of access to municipal cemeteries. What steps is the Government of the Republic of Cyprus taking to address these concerns?
- The United States is concerned about restrictions on some religious practices for the Jewish community – namely that rabbis are not allowed to authenticate burial and marriage certificates, and procedural restrictions on religious slaughter remain in place. How is the Government of the Republic of Cyprus working with the Jewish community to address these concerns?
- What steps has the Government of the Republic of Cyprus taken to promote the full political participation of all Cypriot nationals, including their right to vote and the opportunity to run for public office?

## **GERMANY**

- How does the Government of Cyprus intend to address the growing challenge of homelessness among asylum seekers?
- What measures has the Government of Cyprus undertaken to ensure the non-discriminatory application of the law regulating the Cypriot nationality towards all applicants?
- What measures has the Government of Cyprus taken and is planning to take to strengthen the representation of women in decision-making positions in political life?