

## **ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO KAZAKHSTAN (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, which, *inter alia*, clusters all the above, manages them in national databases, coordinates implementation actions across government, monitors progress and impact, and then streamline reporting procedures back to the UN? 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?

### **SWEDEN**

- What measures will the Government of Kazakhstan take to address its authorities' considerable restrictiveness in giving approvals for assemblies as well as to reverse the commonly used practice of assigning peripheral locations for said assemblies?
- Will the Government of Kazakhstan make relevant amendments to the Criminal Code to ensure that the definitions of crimes of sexual violence are in compliance with CEDAW and the Istanbul Convention and cover all forms of sexual acts committed without the victim's voluntary, genuine and willing consent, and include a wide range of coercive circumstances?
- What measures have been taken to facilitate the filing of complaints concerning violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity and to increase authorities' effectiveness in handling, investigating and resolving said complaints?

### **URUGUAY**

- Uruguay would appreciate to know what steps have been taken or are underway for the implementation of the recommendation made by Uruguay in the last cycle, which was accepted by Kazakhstan, regarding the ensurance of adequate, impartial and independent investigation of all allegations of torture and other ill-treatments.

## **SLOVENIA**

- Is the total abolishment of the death penalty in the national legislation of Kazakhstan under consideration in due course?

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

- What is the Government of Kazakhstan doing to ensure its citizens can fully enjoy their freedoms and civil liberties, especially freedom of expression, peaceful assembly and association, including for journalists, as stated in the Constitution and the UN treaties to which Kazakhstan is party, particularly regarding changes to legislation?
- How will the Government of Kazakhstan ensure access to justice through fair and transparent trials?
- How will the Government of Kazakhstan ensure the protection of the rights of the vulnerable and marginalised, such as people with disabilities, children, and individuals belonging to religious groups, the LGBT community or other minorities?
- What steps is the Government of Kazakhstan taking to protect women and children victims of domestic and sexual violence?
- How is the Government of Kazakhstan going to support people of Kazakh ethnicity returning from Xinjiang?