

## **ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN (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?

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

- What steps is the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran taking to ensure that its judiciary, including the Revolutionary Courts, upholds all relevant national legislation in line with commitments contained in international laws and treaties that the Government is a party to, including specifically: defendants having access to legal assistance of their own choosing (Article 14, ICCPR); and defendants being entitled to a trial within a reasonable time (Article 9, ICCPR)?
- In line with the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the Convention on the Rights of the Child, what plans does the Government have to end the death penalty for child offenders, or for those convicted of crimes when aged under 18?
- What steps is the Government taking to ensure that all members of religious and ethnic minorities, and particularly members of the Baha'i community, are able to fully participate in Iranian society, including undertaking employment of their choice or attending further education establishments, in accordance with the Government's constitutional and international obligations?
- What is the Government doing to uphold freedom of expression by ensuring that the space for academics and media workers remains open, so they are free to engage in legitimate and constructive debate, and are considered as genuine stakeholders in Iranian society, without fear of harassment or repercussions?

- What steps is the Government taking to ensure that no authorities use torture to force detainees to make confessions, a practice which is prohibited by the Iranian constitution?

## **SWEDEN**

- How does the Islamic Republic of Iran plan to improve the cooperation with relevant international human rights institutions, including the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Iran?
- What measures will the Islamic Republic of Iran consider to further decrease the number of executions in Iran, with a view to an eventual abolishment?
- What measures will be taken to improve the respect for the freedoms of opinion and expression in the Islamic Republic of Iran?
- Sweden is concerned by the situation for members of ethnic and religious communities in Iran. What measures has Iran taken to ensure the full enjoyment of human rights by all persons belonging to ethnic and religious minorities?

## **SLOVENIA**

- There is no comprehensive legislation to define and criminalise all forms of gender-based violence against women. We would like to ask when is the draft law on the protection of women against violence expected to be approved by the Parliament (draft returned to Parliament after review by the judiciary).
- The Parliament has adopted the "Bill for the Protection of the Rights of Children and Youth". We would be interested to know when the Guardian Council's approval can be expected.
- What activities have been undertaken with regard to protecting and upholding the rights of the Baha'i?