

## **ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO MAURITIUS (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**

- The high levels of gender-based violence continue to be a source of great concern and it is likely that the problem is under reported. How is the Government of Mauritius prioritising tackling gender-based violence and what results can we expect?
- Although women in Mauritius fare well in terms of educational attainment and representation in the public sector, this has not translated into equality in terms of wage equality, income levels or representation in political life or the private sector. What steps are the Government of Mauritius taking to address this ongoing inequality?
- Although the Government of Mauritius has previously indicated that it will review the system of provisional charges, which allows the practice of suspects being detained on the basis of provisional information, through a Police and Criminal Evidence Bill, the Bill is yet to be introduced in Parliament. When is the Government of Mauritius planning to introduce the proposed legislation in Parliament?
- The LGBT Pride March 2018 did not go ahead as planned because a counter-demonstration on the route made it potentially unsafe for the participants. What legislative steps are the Government of Mauritius taking as a result of this in order to ensure that members of the LGBT community can exercise freedom of expression as enshrined in the constitution and enjoy equal rights in Mauritian society?
- What progress has been made by the Government of Mauritius in partnership with the Government of Bangladesh in the development of a MOU to strengthen the rights and protections of Bangladesh migrant workers in Mauritius, including preventing bonded labour?

## **BELGIUM**

- Comment est-ce que le Gouvernement Mauricien prévoit de mettre fin aux discriminations et harcèlements dont sont victimes les homosexuels afin de protéger ces personnes contre toutes formes de discrimination fondée sur l'orientation sexuelle et l'identité de genre?
- Quelles sont les mesures que Maurice compte prendre pour intensifier la lutte contre la discrimination à l'égard des femmes au travail (dans le secteur public et privé)?
- Est-ce que Maurice compte prendre des mesures pour faire mieux respecter l'âge minimum du mariage (fixé à 18 ans) et lutter contre des mariages précoces?
- Est-ce que Maurice compte adopter la loi sur l'enfant afin d'interdire tous les châtiments corporels à l'égard des enfants, conformément à la Convention relative aux droits de l'enfant ?
- Comment est-ce que Maurice pourrait intensifier les mesures pour combattre la violence sexuelle à l'égard des enfants ? Est-ce que Maurice prévoit d'adopter un plan d'action national pour prévenir et combattre les abus sexuels contre les enfants ?

## **SLOVENIA**

- Concerns continue to persist regarding women's rights. How does the Government envisage enforcing the legislation in order to effectively address the gender-based violence, especially in terms of reporting, by the public and investigations, prosecutions, convictions and sentences?