

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO IRAQ (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

- Ensuring accountability for human right violations and abuses and enforcing measures to counter and prevent impunity is key to building long-term, inclusive stability in Iraq. What measures are being taken to strengthen accountability, e.g. through addressing and prosecuting crimes committed by Daesh and others in accordance with international standards?
- At what stage are the Iraqi authorities in enacting an anti-domestic violence law, in line with international standards?
- What measures are being taken to make current initiatives amongst a variety of national institutions more efficient in strengthening the rule of law and combatting corruption?

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- What is the Government of Iraq doing to protect vulnerable religious minorities from continued attacks and persecution?
- What is the Government of Iraq doing to reduce overcrowding in detention centres and alleviate the use of extended pre-trial detention?
- What steps is the Government of Iraq taking to ensure that security forces, including the Popular Mobilization Forces, operate with respect for human rights, such as the freedoms of expression, peaceful assembly and association, and in compliance with

relevant international law, particularly considering the use of live fire during recent protests?

- What is the Government of Iraq doing to ensure that internally displaced persons can obtain civil documentation and access welfare and education?
- What steps is the Government of Iraq taking to protect freedom of expression and ensure an enabling environment for the activities of journalists, including protecting journalists and media professionals from harassment, intimidation and violence?

BELGIUM

- Which measures is the government of Iraq taking to create an enabling environment for human rights defenders, journalists and media workers to carry out their work? How is it ensuring that its citizens can freely exercise their rights to freedom of expression and of peaceful assembly and association and that any use of force by police or security forces is in compliance with international human rights norms?
- What steps is the government of Iraq taking to protect women and girls who are particularly vulnerable to violence and exploitation in the current circumstances? Which measures have been taken to prevent and eradicate harmful practices that discriminate against women and girls, particularly early, ‘temporary’ and forced marriages and female genital mutilation, including by generating public awareness about their negative effects, as recommended by the Human Rights Committee?
- Iraq is facing a high level of enforced disappearances. What follow-up has been given to address the concerns and recommendations of the Committee on Enforced Disappearances? Will the government of Iraq respond positively to its call to consider establishing a single nationwide register of forcibly disappeared persons providing exhaustive and detailed information about all cases perpetrated in the past?
- How will the government of Iraq ensure that the judiciary is fully independent, impartial and well-trained, in conformity with the Bangalore Principles of Judicial Conduct and other relevant international standards? Which measures will it take to improve the conditions in detention centers and prisons? Which concrete measures will the government of Iraq take to strengthen the educational system and in particular eliminate discrimination against and promote access to education for marginalized groups?

GERMANY

- What does Iraq do to investigate violence against protesters in the wake of demonstrations that started on October 1st and what measures does the Government of Iraq intend to take to prevent the recurrence of acts of excessive violence and to further address the root causes of protests?

- Which measures has the Government of Iraq taken to improve condition in detention facilities, particularly in those, where, according to reports, minimum standards with regards to overcrowding, healthcare and the prevention of violence have not been met?
- How does Iraq counter forms of discrimination, including with regard to the rights of and compensation for women survivors of Da'esh crimes?
- And in this context, what does Iraq do to improve the legal and social status of children from forced marriages of Da'esh members with women of minority groups?