

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO EL SALVADOR (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

- How is the Government of El Salvador planning to ensure that progress is made on addressing violence against women, including tackling the root causes of femicide?
- What steps is the Government of El Salvador taking to review laws that criminalise the use of abortion in all circumstances, and instead ensure access to sexual and reproductive health services for all women and girls?
- What steps is the Government of El Salvador taking to strengthen the justice system, particularly the capacity of law enforcement, and ensure the independence of the judiciary?
- What is the Government of El Salvador doing in order to ensure access to justice by providing witness protection, both inside and outside the courtroom?
- What plans does the Government of El Salvador have to reduce overcrowding in prisons and promote prisoners' reformation and social rehabilitation so that they can reintegrate into society after completing their sentences?

SWEDEN

- What measures has the Government of El Salvador taken to implement the recommendations it accepted at the second UPR review to ensure women's enjoyment of the right to health care, including reproductive health care?
- What measures have been adopted to protect the lives and health of women and girls in high-risk pregnancies?

- In order to guarantee the human rights to health and life of women, will El Salvador consider decriminalizing abortion?

GERMANY

- El Salvador received the UN Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced persons in August 2017 and the UN Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions in January/February 2018. Both Special Rapporteurs presented a list of recommendations to the government of El Salvador in their final reports. Which measures has El Salvador since undertaken towards implementing these recommendations?
- In past UPR cycles, a swift ratification of the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment was recommended. What is the current status of the legislative process and why has the Optional Protocol not been ratified yet?
- We have received reports about multiple (53) assassinations of LGBTI persons: Which measures does El Salvador undertake in order to protect the lives and integrity of LGBTI? What is the current status of efforts in drafting a law on gender identity with the aim of protecting against discrimination?

URUGUAY

- Durante el primer ciclo del Examen Periódico Universal, El Salvador aceptó la recomendación realizada por Uruguay relativa al establecimiento de un mecanismo interinstitucional para el seguimiento de las recomendaciones del EPU, con amplia participación de sociedad civil. Uruguay agradecería conocer que pasos ha dado El Salvador desde aquel entonces, así como qué medidas adicionales planea implementar para dar seguimiento a las recomendaciones a recibir durante el presente ciclo, en consulta con sociedad civil.