

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO CAMBODIA (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?

SWEDEN

- Cambodia has taken positive steps towards passing a Law on Access to Information. The law drafting process has been inclusive and transparent. When could this law be expected to be passed and how can civil society best contribute to its successful implementation?
- Sweden recognises the achievements of the Arbitration Council and the Arbitration Council Foundation (AC). However, Sweden is concerned that the passing of the Trade Union Law in 2016 has drastically decreased the number of cases under the AC: s review. Is Cambodia planning any further revisions of the Trade Union Law to strengthen workers representation in general, and the dispute resolution system through the Arbitration Council more specifically?
- Sweden acknowledges steps taken towards a new "life skills" curriculum for grades 5-12 offering inclusive education on sexual orientation, sexuality education and gender based violence. When can this new important curriculum be introduced and how will the Kingdom of Cambodia ensure that all teachers receive comprehensive training on SRHR, including LGBTI-persons' full enjoyment of human rights?

LIECHTENSTEIN

- Liechtenstein recognizes the Cambodia's commitment to international criminal justice, as evidenced by its ratification of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC).
- **What steps has the Cambodia taken to ratify the Kampala amendments to the Rome Statute on the crime of aggression?**

- **What steps has Cambodia taken to join the Code of Conduct regarding Security Council action against genocide, crimes against humanity or war crimes, as elaborated by the Accountability, Coherence and Transparency Group (ACT)?**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

- We are concerned about the actions taken to dismantle the political opposition, including the arrest and ongoing prosecution of opposition leader Kem Sokha. What actions does the government intend to take to restore an atmosphere accepting of genuine political opposition? How can the Government support national reconciliation?
- We are concerned by steps taken by the Government of Cambodia over the past 18 months to restrict the activities of independent media and freedom of expression in the country. What steps is the Government of Cambodia taking to reverse the systematic crackdown on independent media and civil society?
- We are concerned about increasing restrictions and limitations in the digital space, including the growing number of criminal prosecutions for online activity and the inter-ministerial decision? Prakas 170 issued in May 2018. What updates can the Government of Cambodia share on these issues? How does the Government of Cambodia intend to respect individuals' rights to freedom of expression while implementing the Prakas?
- What steps is the government taking to investigate allegations of displaced families and children due to land grabbing and the subsequent questionable establishment of plantations? What will the Government of Cambodia do to hold those responsible accountable?
- Cambodia was ranked 161 out of 180 countries in Transparency International's 2017 Corruption Perceptions Index. What is the Government doing to tackle the system of patronage that touches upon both the private and public sectors, which may promulgate corruption?
- One nongovernmental organization reported more than 100 incidents of violence or abuse against LGBTI persons in Cambodia, including domestic violence by family members. What steps is the government taking to protect these persons from such violence?
- We are concerned that the union registration process in Cambodia continues to be difficult, and by reports that the government is preventing minority union disputes from going to the Arbitration Council by reclassifying them as individual disputes. What steps is the Government taking to simplify the union registration process and make the Arbitration Council effective? What steps is the Government taking to introduce reforms that would conform Cambodian labor law to international standards?