

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO TUNISIA (THIRD BATCH)

SPAIN

- During the previous UPR review in May 2012, Tunisia accepted several recommendations, including from Spain, to establish an independent national preventive mechanism in conformity with the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture, which was created in 2013 and whose members were elected in March 2016.

When does Tunisia intend to adopt the pending functioning decrees of the mechanism and how will the coherence of its mandate be guaranteed in relation to that of the new National Human Rights Institution?

- In 2012, Tunisia also accepted recommendations to ensure the prohibition of torture and other ill-treatment in law and in practice, investigate allegations of torture and ill-treatment, pursue perpetrators and provide redress for victims. Although we salute the achievements in this matter, we are concerned with the persistence of some of these practices, as shown in the concluding observations on the third periodic report of Tunisia in June 2016. After the creation of the High Instance against torture, what specific measures does the Government intend to put in place in order to achieve progress in this matter?