

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO THE COMOROS (FIRST BATCH)

UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND

- What plans does the Government of Comoros have to ratify outstanding international conventions, for example, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and the Convention against Torture?
- What steps will the Government take to implement outstanding accepted recommendations from the 2014 UPR, including recommendations on the strengthening of institutions for the protection of human rights?
- In order to ensure greater pluralism of views in mainstream and online media, what steps will be taken to address restrictions on press freedom?
- What measures does the Government intend to take to reduce instances of prolonged pre-trial detention?
- What steps will be taken to promote and protect freedom of religion or belief for religious minorities?

ANGOLA

- Depuis la ratification de la Convention relative à l'élimination de toutes les formes de discrimination raciale, comment les autorités comoriennes ont-elles favorisé l'inclusion raciale au sein de la société ?
- Dans le cadre de la CEDEF, quelles ont été les mesures spécifiques prises par le Gouvernement des Comores pour faciliter la visibilité et la diffusion de la convention auprès des femmes et des filles ?
- Pour les quatre prochaines années, quelle sera la stratégie du Gouvernement pour augmenter le taux de scolarisation dans l'enseignement primaire ?

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?