

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO VANUATU (FIRST BATCH)

GERMANY

- When will a fully-fledged National Human Rights Institution, with a mandate for oversight and in accordance with all Paris principles be put in place?
- How do you plan to deal with the backlog of court cases? Are there any plans to guarantee access to justice for the most vulnerable people?
- Are there plans to increase female participation in political processes at the area council, municipal and parliamentary levels?
- How do you plan to expand measures to address violence including sexual violence against women and children? How do you plan to enforce the provisions of CEDAW and CRC, which Vanuatu has ratified?
- How do you plan to ensure the rights of LGBTI people?

UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND

- What efforts is the Government of Vanuatu making to address gender inequality, including by increasing the representation of women in parliament and increasing the leadership roles taken by women on policies in relation to violence against women?
- Will the Government consider ratifying the Optional Protocol to the Convention Against Torture?
- What steps is the Government taking to tackle forced labour, modern slavery and human trafficking as contained in SDG 8.7?
- What forms of technical assistance has the Government sought in order to address the lack of resources and capacity, preventing the timely reporting and implementation of ratified conventions?

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?