

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO THE SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC

3RD BATCH

UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND

- Will independent international human rights monitors, including the UN Commission of Inquiry on Syria, be given immediate access to Syria to investigate all human rights abuses and violations, irrespective of alleged perpetrators?
- Will you act in accordance with international humanitarian law and immediately end the ongoing deliberate targeting of civilian infrastructure including schools and hospitals, and continued indiscriminate use of weapons in civilian areas, as graphically shown in the military campaign to take Aleppo?
- When will there be an end to the mass unlawful detention and enforced disappearances of tens if not hundreds of thousands of Syrians, including women and children, in formal and informal detention centres in areas under state control?
- When will there be an end to the widespread mass torture and ill-treatment of detainees committed in formal and informal detention centres in areas under state control, including rape and other sexual and gender based violence?
- Will you end the starvation sieges and forced displacement of civilians and allow UN and other humanitarian agencies unobstructed access to provide food, medical supplies and other essential items to the 5.47 million people in hard-to-reach areas and besieged areas; where the number of people in besieged areas has recently increased to 861,000 following UN classification of East Aleppo as a besieged location?