

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO THE CONGO (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?

LIECHTENSTEIN

- Liechtenstein recognizes Congo's commitment to international criminal justice, as evidenced by its ratification of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC).
- **What steps has Congo taken to ratify the Kampala amendments to the Rome Statute on the crime of aggression?**
- **What steps has Congo 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)?**
- **What Steps has Congo taken to ratify the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime ('Palermo Protocol')?**

BELGIUM

- Le gouvernement du Congo considère-t-il la ratification du Deuxième Protocole facultatif se rapportant au Pacte international relatif aux droits civils et politiques visant à abolir la peine de mort?
- Le gouvernement du Congo compte-t-il prévoir un cadre légal pour une protection juridique contre les discriminations fondées sur l'orientation/identité sexuelle?
- Comment le Congo compte-t-il travailler vers une amélioration des conditions de détention?

- Comment le Congo compte-t-il mieux veiller à ce que les autorités compétentes s'abstiennent de maintenir des personnes en détention au-delà de la période de 72h, prévue dans le Code de procédure pénale?
- Quelles sont les mesures prises par le Congo depuis le dernier EPU dans la lutte contre la violence à l'égard des femmes et pour mettre fin à l'impunité pour ces actes ?