

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO YEMEN (FIRST BATCH)

UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND

- In light of the recent agreement on a ceasefire and redeployment of forces from the ports Hodeidah, Saleef & Ras Isa, how will the Government of Yemen ensure the protection of civilians and civilian infrastructure during the redeployment of forces, as well as ensuring that any impediments to the flow of humanitarian aid are removed?
- In areas under Government of Yemen control, how will the Government ensure that detention is carried out in line with international law, and that people will not be arbitrarily detained - particularly for reasons of minority status, religion or belief?
- Regarding reports that the Houthis are using child soldiers, what steps are the Government of Yemen taking to ensure that no children are recruited into armed groups under the Yemeni Government's control?
- How will the Government of Yemen ensure that the basic need of IDPs (of whom an estimated 76% are women and children), are met, inter alia regarding education and preventing gender based violence?
- How does the Government of Yemen plan to include women in the next round of peace talks organised by the UNSE, and to ensure a gender perspective?

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- All of Yemeni society must be represented in the redevelopment and reconstruction of Yemen to ensure lasting peace. What steps are you taking to ensure that women, youth, tribal leaders and religious representatives will be included in the political reconciliation process?
- What steps are you taking to allow journalists and human rights organizations entry and access to the country and to safeguard their ability to operate without reprisal?
- Reintegration of combatants is necessary to support a sustainable ceasefire. What steps are you taking to stem the unlawful recruitment and use of child soldiers? What concrete alternative vocational or economic opportunities are you creating for youth who enter the armed forces due to poverty?
- We are very concerned by reports of abuse and mistreatment in detention centers. What steps are you taking to conduct a thorough, credible and transparent investigation and hold those responsible to account?

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?