

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO BHUTAN (FIRST BATCH)

UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND

- What steps is the Government of Bhutan taking to eliminate child marriage?
- How does the Government support the rights of persons with disabilities in Bhutan, including in establishing accessible building standards?
- What steps are being taken by the Government to guarantee the independence and impartiality of the Bhutan Infocomm and Media Authority?
- What steps are being taken by the Government to promote minority rights in Bhutan, including those of the Nepali-speaking population?
- What mechanisms are in place to ensure that recommendations accepted from the Universal Periodic Review are fully implemented, and is there a specific body that monitors implementation?

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, which, *inter alia*, clusters all the above, manages them in national databases, coordinates implementation actions across government, monitors progress and impact, and then streamline reporting procedures back to the UN? 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?