

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO THE GAMBIA (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, 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?

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- What plans does the Government of The Gambia have to repeal the crime of sedition and review all other restrictive laws that were widely used by the former regime to limit media freedom and freedom of expression?
- What steps does the Government plan to take to ensure that lessons are learned from the Truth, Reconciliation and Reparations Commission process including consideration for the establishment of a successor body to implement recommendations?
- How will the Government of The Gambia use the Security Sector Reform process to embed and guarantee the protection of human rights for all citizens, including through the investigation and prosecution of those implicated in human rights violations?
- What plans does the Government have to adopt anti-discriminatory legislation and ensure that mechanisms are put in place for the protection of the rights of women and persons with disabilities, including full implementation of measures to support victims of sexual and gender-based violence?
- What steps will the Government take to champion and support meaningful public engagement on the new draft constitution and its' compliance with international human rights standards?