

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO MALAWI (SECOND BATCH)

LIECHTENSTEIN

- What steps has Malawi 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)?
- Liechtenstein recognizes Malawi's commitment to international criminal justice, as evidenced by its ratification of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC).
- What steps has Malawi taken to ratify the Kampala Amendments to the Rome Statute on the crime of aggression?
- What steps has Malawi taken towards the abolition of the death penalty?
- What steps has Malawi taken to ratify the Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime?

BELGIUM

- Is the government of Malawi considering ratifying the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty?
- Will the government of Malawi consider decriminalizing same-sex relations, and how does it plan to prevent discrimination and acts of harassment and violence against persons to be perceived lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex as well as their families?
- Belgium notes the existence of the Gender Equality Act Implementation and Monitoring Plan (2016-20) and the focus on gender in education. What efforts did the government of Malawi undertake in order to guarantee the right to education for adolescent girls and underage mothers?
- How is the government of Malawi addressing the recommendation of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) to effectively implement the existing legal provisions prohibiting harmful practices, to punish perpetrators, and to give victims access to effective remedies?
- Belgium commends Malawi for the peaceful transfer of power after the re-run of elections. What measures is the government of Malawi taking or planning to take in order to guarantee the safety of human rights defenders, journalists and civil society organizations and preclude acts of intimidation or incitement of violence against them?

URUGUAY

- Following the recommendation submitted by Uruguay in the second cycle of the UPR which was accepted by Malawi, additional information would be appreciated on the actions that have been taken to ensure effective access to justice for victims of gender-based violence.

CANADA

- Could Malawi please elaborate on how the newly elected government plans to tackle the problem of child, early and forced marriage?

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?