

## **ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO EGYPT (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?

### **SWEDEN**

- The emergency legislation in place in Egypt provides broad executive powers thereby effectively restricting the enjoyment of human rights and weakening credible accountability mechanisms. When is the state of emergency likely to be lifted?
- Does the Government of Egypt plan to introduce a moratorium on the death penalty as a first step towards its abolition?
- What measures has the Government of Egypt taken to effectively eliminate all forms of discrimination and to criminalize all forms of violence against women and girls?

### **URUGUAY**

- Uruguay would appreciate to receive information on steps that Egypt had taken to ensure compliance with the prohibition of the use of confessions obtained through torture or other unlawful methods as evidence, according to the recommendation made and accepted in the past cycle.

### **BELGIUM**

- Is the government of Egypt considering to extend a standing invitation to the special procedures? Will the government of Egypt respond positively to the outstanding requests for visits? Have dates been set for these visits?

- How many individuals are currently on death row? How many individuals have been sentenced to death and/or executed since the previous UPR? How many of these convictions took place in the context of mass trials? How many of those sentenced to death were minors at the time of committing the offence?
- Which concrete measures has the government of Egypt taken to address the concerns and recommendations of the Committee against Torture, in particular the recommendation to immediately end the practice of torture and ill-treatment in all places of detention, ensure that officials at the highest level publicly condemn torture and ill-treatment by State agents and adopt a zero-tolerance policy, and prosecute perpetrators of torture, including those with command or superior responsibility?
- How is the government of Egypt ensuring that judges and lawyers can exercise their functions in complete independence and are protected from any form of reprisals? What steps are taken to ensure full respect for all fair trial and due process guarantees enshrined in Article 14 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights?
- What follow-up has the government of Egypt given to the recommendations of the special rapporteur on adequate housing? Which concrete steps have been taken by the government of Egypt to act upon UNESCO's recommendations concerning the right to education?

## LIECHTENSTEIN

- **What steps has Egypt taken to ratify the Rome Statute in its 2010 version?**
- In the past weeks, several human rights defenders have been detained for doing their legitimate human rights work. Mohamed Al-Baker, head of Al-Adalah Center who engaged with this UPR, was questioned about his engagement in the interrogation against him. **How will the Egyptian government guarantee the safety, psychological and physical integrity of independent Egyptian human rights organisations to continue to engage with UN mechanisms? What steps will the government take to end the “pattern” of reprisals and intimidation that it has carried out?**
- **Will Egypt release in-full information regarding all individuals and organizations accused of criminal charges under case 173/2011 and provide these individuals and their lawyers , as required under due process guarantees, with all relevant information concerning the charges against them?**
- **What measures does the government of Egypt intend to take to put an immediate end to the systematic practice of torture as concluded by the Committee against Torture's confidential inquiry in 2016 (para 16 of the UN compilation report) and what measures has the government taken to implement the Committee's recommendations?**
- **What steps has Egypt taken towards the abolition of the death penalty?**

## **UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

- Given the reports of deaths of prisoners due to abuse and/or medical neglect, what steps is Egypt taking to ensure all prisoners are treated humanely and provided with adequate medical care, and that allegations of mistreatment are investigated?
- Will Egypt commit to allowing independent human rights organizations access to detention facilities?
- What steps is Egypt taking to protect members of the public during counterterrorism operations in the Sinai and to expand access to the area for media and humanitarian organizations?
- We are concerned that hundreds of websites have reportedly been blocked. Who within the government has authority to resolve complaints about this? Will you create a transparent process for owners of these websites to appeal their blockage?
- How will Egypt comply with the terms of International Labour Organization Convention 87 concerning the Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise?
- The United States is concerned by continuing reports of authorities conducting forced anal exams on LGBTI individuals. Will Egypt commit to discontinuing this practice?