

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO THE SUDAN (FIRST BATCH)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

- What steps is Sudan taking to support free and fair elections in early 2024, thereby enabling a peaceful transition to democracy?
- What progress is being made to implement the Constitutional Declaration's mandate to establish a Human Rights Commission, a Legal Reform Commission, and other commissions which would advance respect for human rights, such as the Anti-Corruption and Stolen Wealth Commission and the Transitional Justice Commission?
- What efforts are underway to address atrocity crimes committed prior to the establishment of Sudan's civilian-led transitional government and to ensure that credible, independent justice mechanisms address contemporary violations and abuses, including gender-based violence?
- What efforts are underway to register religious organizations?
- Will the CLTG invite the UN Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Religion or Belief to conduct an official visit?
- What steps are being taken to investigate and hold perpetrators accountable for destroying places of worship?
- What efforts are underway to review and amend the blasphemy laws?
- What is the timeline for establishing the Religious Freedom Commission, called for in the Juba Peace Agreement?
- What is the status of the zoning and permit guidelines for building places of worship?

LIECHTENSTEIN

- What steps has Sudan 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)?

SWEDEN

- Sweden is concerned about the volatile situation and tensions in Darfur and South Kordofan state, not least after the termination of the UNAMID mandate on 31 December 2020 and the delay in operationalisation of dedicated national joint security forces. What is the transitional government doing to ensure the protection of civilians in Sudan, especially in conflict affected areas such as Darfur and South Kordofan?
- While Sweden welcomes the steps taken to start ratifying the CEDAW Convention, we are concerned about the reservations made regarding women having equal rights in marriage and divorce as well as women being considered equal at all political levels. How will the transitional government ensure that women are having equal rights in marriage and divorce and being considered equal at all political levels, and what is the status of the ratification process?
- What steps has the transitional government taken to investigate the most serious crimes under international law, particularly those committed by government forces and allied militia under the leadership of former President Omar al-Bashir, as well as during the political transition?