**ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO ISRAEL (FIRST BATCH)**

**PORTUGAL on behalf of the Group of Friends on NMIRFs**

* 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?

**SLOVENIA**

* What measures are in place to combat ageism and eliminate age discrimination in all its forms, and to protect the human rights of older persons?
* Could the Government of Israel provide information on future intentions with regard to the legislative proposal related to reinstatement of death penalty and the adoption of a Death Penalty Bill?

**LIECHTENSTEIN**

* What steps has Israel taken to ratify the Rome Statute in its 2010 version?
* What steps has Israel taken to ratify the Optional Protocols to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, as well as the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure?
* What steps has the Israel taken towards the full and legal abolition of the death penalty?
* What steps has Israel taken to ratify the Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocol against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Their Parts and Components and Ammunition, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime?
* What steps has Israel 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)?
* What steps has Israel taken to implement recommendations made by the Office of the High Commissioner in its report A/HRC/52/76?

**BELGIUM**

* As a strong opponent of the death penalty, Belgium is concerned by a recently introduced law proposal reimposing the death penalty for “terrorism offences” against Israeli citizens. Can Israel give more information on this law proposal? Does Israel consider ratifying the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights?
* How will Israel ensure that the recently proposed set of legislative changes with regard to the Supreme Court will not pose risks to the effectiveness of the judiciary to defend the rule of law, human rights and judicial independence?
* What action will Israel take to ensure the right to family reunifications for Palestinians from the West Bank and other parts of the Occupied Palestinian Territories that are married to Palestinians living in Jerusalem or Israeli citizens, including to be reunited with their children after divorce?
* What steps will be taken by Israel to end the practice of indefinite administrative detention without charge, on the basis of secret evidence that does not have to be made available to the detainee or his/her lawyer? How will Israel ensure that all persons in administrative detention are provided with all legal and procedural safeguards?
* How will Israel ensure that the signature on 23 February 2023 of a “Memorandum of Understanding and Divison of Powers and Responsibilities between the Minister of Defense and the Additional Minister in the Ministry of Defense” will fully respect its international obligations, including the 4th Geneva Convention? In particular article 47 (inviolability of rights), article 49 (deportations, transfers, evacuations) and article 53 (prohibited destruction)?

**SWEDEN**

* What concrete measures is the Government of Israel taking to ensure accountability for violence perpetrated by settlers?