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

**SWEDEN**

* What measures will the Government of Turkey take to strengthen judicial independence, impartiality and efficiency of the judiciary?
* During the last UPR-cycle 2015 Turkey accepted a recommendation to further ensure the independence and freedom of media. However, we note a lack of progress in this field. What measures will Turkey take to promote an open and democratic media landscape revising the present negative trend?
* What measures will the Government of Turkey take to effectively eliminate all forms of discrimination against LGBTI-persons?

**CANADA**

* Violence against women and girls in Turkey (and worldwide) is on the rise. With Turkey’s Third National Action Plan on Combating Violence Against Women due to expire in 2020, what additional legislative or policy measures is Turkey planning to introduce in order to address this issue?
* A free press is the cornerstone of democratic societies and is essential for the protection and promotion of human rights. What concrete steps is Turkey taking to ensure that anti-terrorism and other legislation do not inhibit a free, pluralistic and independent media? Turkey’s latest National Report to the Human Rights Council refers to the introduction of provisions to expand rights and freedoms as well as assurances for legal remedies concerning freedom of expression. What particular provisions are envisioned under the new Judicial Reform Strategy in this regard?
* In reference to Canada’s recommendations under Turkey’s previous UPR, what steps has Turkey taken to strengthen anti-discrimination legislation, including to prohibit hate crimes and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity? What measures is Turkey taking to ensure freedom of religion or belief is protected for the diverse faiths practicing in Turkey, including religious minorities such as Alevis?
* What concrete steps has Turkey taken to reinforce the independence and capacity of the Human Rights and Equality Institution (TIHEK) to ensure that it effectively carries out its mandate to protect and promote human rights, to prevent discrimination and to operate as an effective National Preventive Mechanism in the fight against torture and ill-treatment?
* Following the 2016 coup attempt, Turkey established a State of Emergency Commission as a domestic remedy for dismissal cases. What steps has Turkey taken to facilitate reinstatements in cases where dismissed individuals have been acquitted? What mechanisms will be implemented under the new Judicial Reform Strategy to ensure that that judges and prosecutors apply Constitutional Court and European Court of Human Rights decisions in their verdicts, as well as to address the issue of prison overcrowding?

**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?

**BELGIUM**

* Which effective mechanisms is the government of Turkey implementing to guarantee freedom of expression, freedom of the press and freedoms of association and peaceful assembly? Is special attention foreseen for the LGBTI community in this regard?
* How does the government of Turkey ensure a thorough, independent and impartial investigation into all cases of intimidation, harassment, arbitrary arrest and violence against human rights defenders?
* How does the government of Turkey address the concerns of the UN Committee against Torture that allegations of torture and ill-treatment need to be investigated promptly, effectively and impartially and that perpetrators be prosecuted and convicted in accordance with the gravity of their acts?
* Belgium welcomes the recent adoption of a national action plan against domestic violence. Which measures does the government of Turkey intend to take to strengthen law enforcement with regard to violence against women and girls, including domestic violence? How does the Government of Turkey intend to strengthen the enforcement of the law against forced marriages?
* Does the government of Turkey intend to develop an evidence-based and youth-friendly comprehensive sexuality education curriculum based on human rights principles and implement it across schools and institutions?

**LIECHTENSTEIN**

* What steps has Turkey taken to ratify the Rome Statute in its 2010 version?

**UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND**

* Following the first step of implementation of the Judicial Reform Strategy, what specific aspects of the judiciary does Turkey intend to include in further iterations?
* In light of the recent bans on LGBT Pride Marches in both Ankara and Istanbul, how will the Government of Turkey ensure that the provisions of “public order”, “public health”, and “public morals” are not used to violate the right to freedom of peaceful assembly and association of rights defenders of LGBT individuals?
* What steps are the Government taking following the lifting of the State of Emergency to ensure that people can gather and protest peacefully, including by lifting the repeated bans imposed on LGBT events, the “Saturday Mothers” and other peaceful demonstrations across the country?
* What steps will the Turkish Republic take to release detained journalists and promote and protect the freedom and independence of the media?
* In light of recent rulings regarding Ahmet Altan and Selahattin Demirtaş at the European Court of Human Rights (EctHR), what provisions will the Government of Turkey introduce to guarantee full implementation of all ECtHR rulings within an adequate timeframe?