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

**LIECHTENSTEIN**

* What steps has Somalia taken to ratify the Rome Statute in its 2010 version?
* What steps has Somalia taken to ratify the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and its additional Protocols?

**GERMANY**

* What measures will Somalia take to provide necessary assistance and protection to IDPs, including the halt of forced evictions?
* Germany is concerned about the ongoing violence against journalists and media workers  and would like to inquire what concrete steps Somalia will take to bring the media law and penal code in line with international standards and to provide the prosecutor for crimes against journalists with the necessary powers to independently investigate attacks and prosecute against journalists?
* Germany welcomes the steps taken toward the establishment of the Human Rights Commission and would like to inquire when and how Somalia will finalize the establishment and operationalization of the Commission and what powers it will be given to operate independently and effectively?
* How will Somalia seek to reduce and punish sexual and gender based violence against women and girls, protect victims of sexual and gender based violence, and ensure that perpetrators are held accountable?

**BELGIUM**

* La Somalie peut-elle considérer la ratification de la convention contre les disparitions forcées ainsi que la ratification du protocole à la Convention sur l’élimination de toutes les formes de discrimination à l’égard des femmes?
* Quelles sont les mesures prises par le gouvernement somalien pour garantir la liberté d’expression aux journalistes, aux opposants et défenseurs des droits humains? Comment le gouvernement somalien entend-il assurer la jouissance de ce droit?
* Comment le gouvernement somalien va-t-il s'assurer que le bureau du procureur nouvellement créé pour crimes contre journalistes s'acquitte efficacement de ses fonctions, en enquêtant et en poursuivant les auteurs présumés, quelle que soit leur appartenance?
* Le gouvernement somalien est-il prêt à envisager de légiférer contre les mutilations génitales féminines? Quelles mesures le gouvernement prend-il pour décourager cette pratique?
* Le gouvernement somalien serait-il disposé à réexaminer la "loi sur les crimes liés aux rapports sexuels" et à la rendre conforme aux normes internationales en privilégiant l'approche centrée sur les survivants?

**SWEDEN**

* During the last UPR cycle, Somalia accepted recommendations, from Sweden and others, to ratify CEDAW and the Maputo Protocol. What is the status of the ratification process, including with regards to harmonizing domestic legislation to ensure alignment with the two mentioned treaties?
* While we welcome the establishment of a prosecutor for crimes against journalists, the increase in the number of journalists that are harassed, detained, or even murdered simply for doing their job is of great concern. What is Somalia doing to ensure that this new function can carry out independent and effective investigations of abuses, attacks against and killings of journalists, and to adequately investigate and prosecute all suspected perpetrators of such acts?
* We have noted with serious concern previous proposals of a new Sexual Intercourse Related Crimes Bill and proposed changes to the constitution on the legal definition of a child. What measures is Somalia taking to ensure that the original Cabinet approved Sexual Offences Bill, or any other Bill that would be in line with Somalia’s international obligations, is reintroduced in parliament?