**ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO THE BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA (SECOND BATCH)**

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

* What steps have the authorities taken to ensure a free and open humanitarian space in order to ensure that humanitarian aid is distributed in a non-political, non-discriminatory manner?
* What measures will Venezuela take to eliminate discrimination, stigmatization and violence against persons based on their sexual orientation, gender identity and expression and to promote tolerance and raise awareness in this regard?
* How will Venezuela ensure effective and impartial investigation and prosecution of all cases of harassment of and attacks against media workers, human rights defenders and academics, including enforced disappearances and arbitrary arrests of political opponents?
* What measures will be taken to guarantee compliance with the UN Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners and to prevent any further avoidable deaths in custody?
* What progress has Venezuela made to comply with the recommendation from the last UPR cycle regarding the implementation of the Anti-Corruption Law and the creation of an urgent plan to reduce impunity for corrupt individuals who have caused severe harm to society?

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* Javier Tarazona, the Director of the NGO Fundaredes, remains one of 243 political prisoners, according to the NGO Foro Penal. His health is rapidly deteriorating while being arbitrarily detained. What is being done by Venezuela to ensure minimum treatment rules for prisoners are being respected?
* The High Commissioner for Human Rights recommended to dissolve the Fuerzas de Acciones Especiales (FAES), but noted in HRC 42 that the FAES continue to receive support from the highest level of government. Which – if any – steps have been taken to dissolve the FAES?
* International organizations, including FAO, are alarmed by food insecurity in Venezuela: When will Venezuela publish related data as a first step to address the problem?
* Noting that in the past years only one special rapporteur was granted access to Venezuela while many others have requested access without it having been granted, including the Special Rapporteurs on torture, freedom of association and assembly as well as on the human rights to safe drinking and sanitation: When will these requests be approved?