**ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO THE SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC (THIRD BATCH)**

**BELGIUM**

* Which measures is the government of Syria undertaking to prevent and address physical and sexual violence against detainees in detention facilities and to investigate and prosecute perpetrators? What follow-up has the government given to the CEDAW-Committee’s recommendation to allow independent and impartial international observers and monitors regular and unannounced access to all detention facilities?
* Belgium is extremely concerned about the fate of those missing since the beginning of the conflict. Estimates range from tens of thousands of Syrians to over hundred thousand people - many in circumstances that suggest they have been forcibly disappeared. Is - and if so, how, - the government informing families about the whereabouts of persons in detention facilities and regularly publishing lists of detainees who have died in detention facilities operated by the government and militias affiliated with it?
* Which steps has the government of Syria taken to implement the Committee for the Rights of the Child’s recommendation to cooperate fully with and grant unimpeded access to the Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Syrian Arab Republic and the International, Impartial and Independent Mechanism to Assist in the Investigation and Prosecution of Persons Responsible for the Most Serious Crimes under International Law Committed in the Syrian Arab Republic since March 2011?
* The health infrastructure remains under pressure in the context of the conflict and the worldwide COVID pandemic. What are the measures taken by the government of Syria to ensure this infrastructure remain respected and protected in all circumstances in accordance with international humanitarian law? What steps have been taken by the GoS in order to hold accountable those responsible for illegal attacks under IHL?
* What measures is the government of Syria taking to ensure the safety and protection of children and their families and to enable them to leave areas affected by the conflict to reach safety and to access basic humanitarian assistance?

**SPAIN**

* As a recommendation accepted by Syria in 2016, what has the Government done to put an end to indiscriminate attacks on civilians, ensure the protection of hospitals and of medical staff?
* Does the Government intend to change the Syrian legislation on terrorism in order to judge those officers responsible of crimes?
* What measures does the government plan to take to combat rape and other forms of sexual violence against women and girls in the context of the current war and post-war situation?
* Does the Government plan to withdraw its reservations on the Convention on the Rights of the Child?