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

**GERMANY**

* What steps is Benin undertaking in order to safeguard democratic principles and the rule of law?
* What steps is Benin taking in order to safeguard the freedom of press, including in digital spaces?
* What steps is Benin taking in order to reduce prison overcrowding and improve living conditions for inmates in existing prison facilities?
* What steps is Benin taking in order to reduce the length of pre-trial detention?
* Does police get regular training to implement new laws?

**PANAMA**

* What measures have been implemented to protect persons with albinism from violence, abductions and discrimination, and to ensure their equal access to education, health care and employment?
* What efforts are being undertaken to ensure access to birth registration for all children and to eliminate gender discrimination in nationality legislation?
* What steps have been taken to combat the exploitation of children in situations of forced or hazardous labour, as well as the persistence of harmful practices such as *vidomegon*?

**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?
* Could the State-under-review elaborate specifically on how is the collaboration of its national mechanism with other stakeholders, such as National Human Rights Institutions, CSO, the judiciary and parliamentarians?
* 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?

**LIECHTENSTEIN**

* What steps has Benin taken to ratify the Kampala Amendment to the Rome Statute on the crime of aggression?
* What steps has Benin taken towards the full and legal abolition of the death penalty?

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

* How is Benin working to address challenges and vulnerabilities faced by children and youth in the informal labor sector, including: poor working conditions and long hours; low wages; occupational risks associated with agriculture, construction and mining; and lack of social security protections?