**ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO LEBANON (SECOND BATCH)**

**GERMANY**

* Germany welcomes the creation of a National Human Rights Institute and a National Preventive Mechanism against Torture. Can the government of Lebanon give assurances that these institutions will be given a dedicated budget allowing them to fulfil their mandate?

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

* What progress is being made towards amending the 1925 Nationality Law so that Lebanese women can pass on their citizenship to their children and spouses?
* What progress is being made to apply procedural safeguards to ensure that deportations do not contravene the principle of non-refoulement, to which the Government of Lebanon has repeatedly confirmed its commitment?
* What plans does the Government of Lebanon have to accelerate the expansion of the 2017 residency renewal fee waiver to all eligible refugees in Lebanon?
* As a member of the Media Freedom Coalition, what measures will the Government of Lebanon take to promote and protect the right to freedom of expression, and media freedom?
* What steps will the Government of Lebanon take to ensure that the National Human Rights Institute and National Preventative Mechanism against Torture are empowered and able to operate effectively?

**BELGIUM**

* La Belgique salue le fait que le Liban n’ait procédé à aucune exécution depuis 2004. Le gouvernement libanais a-t-il l’intention de mettre en place un moratoire de jure sur les exécutions en vue de l’abolition de la peine de mort?
* Le Liban a-t-il l’intention de modifier sa législation pénale afin que sa définition de la torture soit conforme à l’article 7 du Pacte relatif aux droits civils et politiques et aux autres normes acceptées au niveau international. Est-ce que le Liban envisage d’éliminer les délais de prescription et de prévoir des réparations complètes aux victimes, incluant la réadaptation, une indemnisation adéquate et la possibilité d’intenter une action civile, indépendamment de la procédure pénale?
* Le Liban a-t-il l'intention de réviser les lois contenant des dispositions limitant le droit à la liberté d'expression et d'opinion afin de les mettre en conformité avec ses obligations au titre du Pacte relatif aux droits civils et politiques?
* Le gouvernement du Liban prévoie-t-il de modifier la loi sur la nationalité afin de permettre aux Libanaises de transmettre leur nationalité à leurs enfants et à leur conjoint étranger?
* Est-ce que le gouvernement libanais envisage de dépénaliser les relations sexuelles entre adultes consentants de même sexe et de prendre toutes les mesures nécessaires pour garantir, dans les faits, la jouissance effective du droit à la liberté d’expression et de réunion pacifique aux LGBTI, comme recommandé par le Comité des Droits de l’Homme?

**PANAMA**

* In the second cycle, Panama recommended Lebanon to consider the possibility of ratifying the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict. We would appreciate information on the current state of play of the ratification process, including challenges and obstacles that have prevented Lebanon to join this instrument.
* We note that Lebanon supported a number of recommendations in the second cycle on the ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. What are the next steps for completion of the ratification process?
* In paragraphs 94 and 95 of its national report, Lebanon explains that it continues to uphold its voluntary commitment to a moratorium on capital punishment although domestic laws do still envisage the death penalty for certain very serious offences, and that several attempts have been made in the country to abolish the death penalty. Could Lebanon further elaborate on these efforts and any other future plans to replace the *de facto* moratorium with a *de jure* moratorium with a view to fully abolishing the death penalty?
* How is Lebanon protecting women from violence against women, including caused by armed violence, domestic violence, marital rape and sexual harassment? What measures are being taken to guarantee women’s equal treatment and women’s rights, especially in matters such as divorce, custody and property rights?
* What is Lebanon undertaking to protect children, particularly girls, who are victims of violence, early marriage, and cyberbullying? What more is being done to combat child labour and exploitation?

**NETHERLANDS**

* Lebanon has in the past accepted several recommendations regarding freedom of assembly. What concrete steps can be taken to better ensure the safety of peaceful protesters?
* The Kingdom of the Netherlands has in the past given several recommendations regarding the personal status law. What concrete steps have been taken to improve the rights of women, in particular in relation to gendered statelessness, inheritance and divorce since the 2015 review?
* What concrete steps will be taken to ensure the rights of all citizens regardless of gender or sexual orientation, in particular in relation to article 534 of the penal code?
* Lebanon has recently shown willingness to reform the Kafala system under the auspices of the former- and the caretaker Minister of Labour. What concrete steps will be taken to abolish the Kafala system?

**CANADA**

* What steps is Lebanon taking to ensure that the National Human Rights Commission, with the Committee for the Prevention of Torture, is provided with dedicated funding from the national budget, in order for them to fulfil their mandates in an effective and independent manner?