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Spain

Introduction

- The Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review, established in accordance with Human Rights Council resolution 5/1, held its thirty-fifth session from 20 to 31 January 2020. The review of Spain was held at the 4th meeting, on 22 January 2020. The delegation of Spain was headed by the State Secretary for Foreign Affairs, H.E Mr. Fernando Valenzuela Marzo. At its 9th meeting, held on 24 January 2020, the Working Group adopted the report on Spain.
- 2. On 14 January 2020, the Human Rights Council selected the following group of rapporteurs (troika) to facilitate the review of Spain: Bangladesh, Czechia, and Nigeria.
- 3. In accordance with paragraph 15 of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 5/1 and paragraph 5 of the annex to Council resolution 16/21, the following documents were issued for the review of Spain:
 - (a) A national report submitted/written presentation made in accordance with paragraph 15 (a) (A/HRC/WG.6/35/ESP/1);
 - (b) A compilation prepared by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) in accordance with paragraph 15 (b) (A/HRC/WG.6/35/SPA/2);
 - (c) A summary prepared by OHCHR in accordance with paragraph 15 (c) (A/HRC/WG.6/35/ESP/3).
- 4. A list of questions prepared in advance by Belgium, Germany, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Portugal on behalf of the Group of Friends on NMRFs, Slovenia, Sweden, and the United Kingdom of Great Britain, was transmitted to Spain through the troika. These questions are available on the website of the universal periodic review.
 - I. Summary of the proceedings of the review process
To be completed by 7 February 2020
 - A. Presentation by the State under review
 - B. Interactive dialogue and responses by the State under review
- 5. During the interactive dialogue, 110 delegations made statements. Recommendations made during the dialogue are to be found in section II of the present report.
 - II. Conclusions and/or recommendations
- 6. **The response of Spain to the following recommendations will be included in the outcome report adopted by the Human Rights Council at its forty-fourth session.**
 - 6.1 **Take complete action to implement the recommendations accepted by Spain during the Second Universal periodic Review (Somalia);**
 - 6.2 **Ratify the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and their Families (Bangladesh); (Comoros); (Honduras); (Lesotho); (Senegal); (Sri Lanka)/ Ratify the International Convention on the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Their Families, as previously recommended (Turkey)/ Ratify the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families, and advance with them in the goals of SDGs 8,10 and 16 (Paraguay);**
 - 6.3 **Consider the ratification of the International Convention on the Protection of All Migrants and Members of their Families (Indonesia), (Philippines)/ Consider acceding to the International Convention on the**

Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (ICRMW) (Egypt)/ Explore the possibility to ratify the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (Niger), Envisage ratifying the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (Djibouti)/ Work to enable the ratification of the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and their Families (Cabo Verde);

6.4 Establish a permanent National Mechanism for the Implementation of Reports and Follow-up Recommendations of the Human Rights Mechanisms, within the framework of SDGs 16 and 17 (Paraguay);

6.5 Set up a monitoring system to ensure follow-up and respect for the recommendations made by the treaty bodies and mechanisms of the Human Rights Council (Haiti);

6.6 Further strengthen effective collaboration with the human rights treaty bodies periodically reporting the implementation of relevant documents (Turkmenistan);

6.7 Adopt an open, merit-based process when selecting national candidates for UN Treaty Body elections (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland);

6.8 Pay particular attention to the recommendations made to Spain by the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent. (Congo);

6.9 Initiate a constructive dialogue between the new government and the Catalan people and its institutions (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela);

6.10 Ensure that a human rights approach is reflected in the Government's 2020 submission of the reviewed Nationally Determined Contributions (Fiji);

6.11 Expedite the finalization of consultations to prepare the second National Human Rights Plan (Georgia);

6.12 Complete the development of its second National Human Rights Plan (Greece);

6.13 Promptly adopt the second National Human Rights Plan, which will undoubtedly strengthen the institutional and normative machinery for the protection and promotion of human rights (Mauritania);

6.14 Conclude work on its second National Human Rights Plan, building on the Council of Minister's adoption of the preliminary report on the development of the Plan in December 2018 (Ireland);

6.15 Continue efforts in the preparation of the second National Plan for Human Rights (Qatar);

6.16 Adopt the second National Human Rights Plan (Republic of Moldova);

6.17 Consider accelerating the conclusion of the Second National Human Rights Plan (Cambodia);

6.18 Continue implementing measures enshrined in the Action Plan for the implementation of the SDGs and the 2030 Agenda (Dominican Republic);

6.19 Reopen the Office of the Ombudsman for Children in Madrid and strengthen the capacity of the national Office of the Ombudsman to address

complaints made by children, echoing the call made by the Committee on the Rights of the Child to increase the level of investment in children (Ireland);

6.20 Reopen the Office of the Ombudsman for Children and take action against all forms of child abuse (Republic of Moldova);

6.21 Reconsider possibility of constituting a dedicated Office of the Ombudsman for Children (Poland);

6.22 Strengthen the capacity of the Ombudsman's Office in order to adequately respond to children's complaints (Slovenia);

6.23 Bring the Catalanian legislation on places of worship in conformity with the international human rights law (Pakistan);

6.24 Pursue efforts to combat all forms of discrimination against vulnerable groups such as people with disabilities, migrants, refugees and people of African descent, particularly with regard to access to employment, housing, healthcare (Gabon);

6.25 Approve a Comprehensive Law for Equal Treatment and Non-Discrimination (Honduras);

6.26 Take further measures in tackling racism and intolerance, in particular xenophobia and Islamophobia, including through collaborative efforts with other States (Indonesia);

6.27 Strengthen measures to address all forms of discrimination against minorities including by furnishing the Council for the Elimination of Racial and Ethnic Discrimination with adequate resources to enable it to execute its mandate effectively and independently (Malaysia);

6.28 Ensure the allocation of adequate financial resources for programs on combating racial discrimination (Philippines);

6.29 Operationalise the work of the Council on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (Jordan);

6.30 Combat ongoing de facto discrimination against certain groups (Jordan);

6.31 Exert further steps to promote tolerance and non-discrimination (Armenia);

6.32 Continue to combat racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and other forms of intolerance (Bosnia and Herzegovina);

6.33 Guarantee in law and in practice the non-discrimination of people of immigrant background in all sectors (Burkina Faso);

6.34 Continue the measures to combat acts of racial discrimination to better guarantee the rights of minority groups (China);

6.35 Continue to make multisectoral efforts to ensure non-discrimination by providing assistance and protection to victims (Colombia);

6.36 Provide the Council for the Elimination of Racial or Ethnic Discrimination with the necessary financial resources so that it can discharge its mandate effectively and independently (Costa Rica);

6.37 Continue efforts to combat discrimination (Cyprus);

6.38 Take effective measures to combat all forms of discrimination, and specifically racial discrimination against people of African descent (Djibouti);

- 6.39 Adopt precise and specific laws against all forms of discrimination, in particular ethnic and racial discrimination (Comoros);**
- 6.40 Redouble efforts on combating the elimination of all forms of discrimination against hate speech, xenophobia and racial discrimination (Islamic Republic of Iran);**
- 6.41 Continue efforts to combat hate crime and put measures in place to ensure an end to ethnic and racial profiling and all forms of racial discrimination (Ghana);**
- 6.42 Adopt a comprehensive law against hate crimes, which provided for assistance, protection and restitution to the victims (Pakistan);**
- 6.43 Develop legislation and policies to punish and prevent hate crimes and discrimination as well as promote the respect of diversity in the society (Thailand);**
- 6.44 Continue the efforts made to combat hate speech and racism against foreigners (Tunisia);**
- 6.45 Prevent, investigate, and prosecute hate crimes, including those motivated by the victim's religion or belief, and devote additional resources to understanding the problem of harassment and violence motivated by xenophobia or the victim's religion or belief (United States of America);**
- 6.46 Adopt anti-hate legislation (Jordan);**
- 6.47 Adopt more measures to combat hate speech, xenophobia and racial discrimination (Egypt);**
- 6.48 Adopt a general law on non-discrimination, including combating racism (Côte d'Ivoire);**
- 6.49 Incorporate into legislation measures to ban racial profiling in security policies, including the elimination of identity checks based on ethnic and racial profiling (Mexico);**
- 6.50 Take effective measures to put an end to identity checks based on ethnic and racial profiling (Slovakia);**
- 6.51 Specifically prohibit the use of identity checks based on ethnic and racial profiles, and consider adopting a law on non-discrimination (Ecuador);**
- 6.52 Continue legislative initiatives on amending the requirements for registering a change of sex and on combating discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation, gender identity or expression and sexual characteristics (Iceland);**
- 6.53 Launch awareness-raising and media campaigns aimed at effectively fighting negative stereotypes about the gypsy population, persons of African descent, persons with disabilities, migrants, refugees and asylum seekers (Panama);**
- 6.54 Continue measures to prevent, reduce and combat pollution as part of the National Action Plan for Adaptation to Climate Change (Morocco);**
- 6.55 Ensure that the development and implementation of its climate change adaptation and mitigation policies are gender responsive and disability-inclusive, consistent with the UNFCCC and Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (Fiji);**

- 6.56 Enact appropriate national legislation to ensure that Spanish individuals and corporations do not unlawfully participate in the taking of Western Sahara's resources (Namibia);**
- 6.57 Refrain from engaging in any economic activities relating to the territory of Western Sahara that does not have the free, prior and informed consent of the people of Western Sahara (Namibia);**
- 6.58 Ensure that its policies, legislation, regulations and enforcement measures effectively serves to prevent and address the heightened risk of business involvement in abuses in conflict situations, which includes situations of foreign occupation (State of Palestine);**
- 6.59 Ensure the full implementation of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights in the context of the exploitation of Western Sahara's natural resources (Timor-Leste);**
- 6.60 Refrain from engaging in any economic activities in or relating to the territory of Western Sahara that do not have the free, prior and informed consent of the people of the territory (Timor-Leste);**
- 6.61 Abolish the incommunicado detention regime and prohibit solitary confinement of more than fifteen days (Luxembourg);**
- 6.62 Introduce further safeguards in line with international human rights law to the incommunicado detention regime and ensure that this regime will not be applied to adolescents (Austria);**
- 6.63 Harmonize the national legislation that covers torture and incommunicado detention with international standards (Czechia);**
- 6.64 Bring the definition of torture and enforced disappearances fully in line with the Convention against Torture, ensure effective remedy for torture and ill-treatment and strengthen its framework to prosecute such crimes (Liechtenstein);**
- 6.65 Consider reviewing the definition of torture and enforced disappearances to bring it in line with international instruments (Malta);**
- 6.66 Ensure that all allegations of torture or other ill-treatment by the security forces are subject to a prompt, thorough and impartial investigation; that those suspected of involvement are prosecuted before civilian courts; and that victims receive adequate reparation (Netherlands);**
- 6.67 Modify the content of article 174 of the Criminal Code in order to eliminate the distinction between serious and non-serious torture and harmonize it with international standards (Panama);**
- 6.68 Provide the national preventive mechanism with sufficient financial resources, necessary for the full implementation of its mandate (Ukraine);**
- 6.69 Adopt adequate legislative or judicial measures to criminalize enforced disappearance, in accordance with the provisions of the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearances, and promote changes in the national system that allow the exhaustive and impartial investigation of enforced disappearances (Argentina);**
- 6.70 Criminalize torture in its national legislation, in full compliance with article 1 of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (Chile);**

- 6.71 Continue taking measures to solve the problem of overcrowding of Spanish prisons (Russian Federation);**
- 6.72 Increase the number of judges specialized for children and ensure that the country has specialized juvenile courts and child-friendly procedures (Luxembourg);**
- 6.73 Enhance the training of judges specialized in juvenile justice and their procedures, so that they take into account the needs of children and adolescents (Chile);**
- 6.74 Establish juvenile's courts distinct from those of adults (Comoros);**
- 6.75 Guarantee the right to truth, justice and reparation for victims, ensuring the implementation of the Historical Memory Act (France);**
- 6.76 Ensure the right to the truth, to justice and to reparation as well as the guarantee of non-repetition for all the victims of the civil war and of the dictatorship and to investigate the crimes committed in accordance with international law (Switzerland);**
- 6.77 Continue its efforts in the protection of the rights of the victims of historical injustices and prevention of such crimes in the future both at the national and international levels (Armenia);**
- 6.78 Continue taking all relevant legislative and organisational measures on the Historical Memory Law, due to its high human value it carries (Lebanon);**
- 6.79 Step up efforts to ensure better implementation of legislative measures to combat impunity and provide victims of violence against women and girls with immediate access to means of redress and protection (Poland);**
- 6.80 Take steps to ensure the respect of the rights of freedom of expression as well as association (Ghana);**
- 6.81 Ensure that the basic law on the protection of public services does not infringe on the freedom of expression and assembly (Iceland);**
- 6.82 Ensure the full enjoyment of the right to freedom of expression and the right to peaceful assembly (Egypt);**
- 6.83 Take all necessary measures to guarantee the right of peaceful assembly in line with its obligations under Art. 1 of the ICCPR (Belgium);**
- 6.84 Guarantee freedom of expression and opinion by revising the Criminal Code to ensure that its crimes are in line with internationally recognized definitions (Belgium);**
- 6.85 Review the laws pertaining to criminal offences of insulting the Crown and offending religious feelings, and review Organic Law 9/1983 and the Organic Law on Citizen Security with the objective of protecting the rights of freedom of expression and peaceful assembly (Canada);**
- 6.86 Progress in the full recognition of the right to peaceful assembly, in accordance with the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (Colombia);**
- 6.87 Ensure full respect for the right to freedom of peaceful assembly and association, to participation in public affairs and to freedom of expression, ensuring that all measures aimed at controlling protests and peaceful**

assemblies are in line with its international obligations (Costa Rica);

6.88 Ensure respect of the right of freedom of expression, in line with international and European standards (Cyprus);

6.89 Adopt measures to guarantee the exercise of freedom of expression, and peaceful association and assembly (Islamic Republic of Iran);

6.90 Ensure that the implementation of Articles 36.6 and 37.4 of the Public Security Act, as well as the implementation of Real Decreto-Ley 14/2019 do not counteract the right to civil protest (Germany);

6.91 Guarantee freedom of peaceful assembly and association, and ensure that in the context of public protests or demonstrations, government actions are carried out with full respect for the international obligations of the State (Mexico);

6.92 Take further measures to ensure that the rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly are fully respected and to effectively investigate all allegations of excessive use of force committed by the security forces (Italy);

6.93 Reform Organic laws of 30 March 2015 on the protection of citizen security and Organic laws of 15 July 1983 on the right of assembly, and establish a code of conducts for law enforcement (Switzerland);

6.94 Ensure full employment of the rights to freedom of assembly and association and freedom of expression and that all measures are in conformity with international standards (Czechia);

6.95 Ensure the independent and effective investigations into cases of disproportionate actions of police officers against participants of public demonstrations. (Russian Federation);

6.96 Hold accountable those responsible for crimes against journalists or that otherwise undermine the enjoyment of freedom of expression, regardless of whether they are non-state or state actors (United States of America);

6.97 Decriminalize defamation and include it in the Civil Code, in accordance with international standards of necessity and proportionality with regard to restrictions on freedom of expression (Luxembourg);

6.98 Decriminalize defamation and place it within the civil code, in accordance with international standards of necessity and proportionality concerning restrictions on freedom of expression (Maldives);

6.99 Continue participating in the international electoral monitoring work (Lebanon);

6.100 Ensure freedom of religion or belief in Spain, both in law and in practice, to members of religious minorities, with a view to realizing the right to social security for all including protestant ministers who do not have access to the pension system (Haiti);

6.101 Ensure the freedom of religion or belief in Spain, both in law and in practice, for adherents of all religions, and root out all cases of religious discrimination in laws against members of religious minorities (Solomon Islands);

6.102 Continue the positive steps ensuring freedom of religion and the protection of ethnic minorities (Bahrain);

- 6.103 **Ensure the freedom of religion or belief rooting out all causes of religious discrimination against members of religious minorities, both in law and in practice (Bangladesh);**
- 6.104 **Take all necessary measures, including legislative, to ensure the protection of women human rights defenders from violence and stigmatisation (Australia);**
- 6.105 **Increase efforts to reduce the phenomenon of trafficking in persons (Iraq);**
- 6.106 **Adopt legislative measures for criminalization of procuring in general, as well as the use of sexual services, with the knowledge that the person providing them may be a victim of trafficking (North Macedonia);**
- 6.107 **Heighten awareness and step up training for duty bearers to allow better identification of instances of trafficking in persons (Philippines);**
- 6.108 **Further take all necessary measures in order to prevent and combat trafficking in human beings, especially women and girls (Republic of Moldova);**
- 6.109 **Continue the efforts to develop a strategic plan coordinated by the Centre for Intelligence on Terrorism and Organized Crime to combat trafficking in persons (Romania);**
- 6.110 **Develop and implement strategies to combat all forms of trafficking and servitude and strengthen the protection of women victims of trafficking (Togo);**
- 6.111 **Develop and implement a national action plan adequately addressing all forms of human trafficking, as outlined in the 2018 report of the Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland);**
- 6.112 **Implement a new plan to address trafficking for sexual exploitation, which includes continuing work to ensure prosecution of traffickers as well as training authorities to identify and support victims (Australia);**
- 6.113 **Continue strengthening efforts to combat trafficking in persons and anaemia and early school dropout (Lebanon);**
- 6.114 **Consider adopting an action plan to combat human trafficking for the purposes of labor and sexual exploitation, especially of women and girls (Brazil);**
- 6.115 **Strengthen efforts aimed at fighting trafficking in human beings and contributing to European and international cooperation with regard to the fight against trafficking for labour exploitation (Bulgaria);**
- 6.116 **Continue improving combating of trafficking in person and adopt a comprehensive legislation covering all forms of trafficking and servitude, prosecuting and punishing those responsible and providing comprehensive redress for victims (Liechtenstein);**
- 6.117 **Adopt a Comprehensive Law that contemplates all forms of trafficking and servitude and adopt and implement the Strategic Plan for Trafficking in Human Beings, according to SDG 5, 8 and 16 (Paraguay);**
- 6.118 **Take measures to prevent and combat human trafficking and sexual exploitation, including by reducing demand and ensuring legislation that enables a systematic prosecution of these offences (Sweden);**

- 6.119 **Introduce comprehensive legislation to curb all forms of trafficking with focus on redress for victims (Malaysia);**
- 6.120 **Continue measures to combat trafficking in persons while safeguarding victims' right to justice (Nepal);**
- 6.121 **Continue efforts in combatting trafficking in persons while ensuring the protection of the rights of its victims (Nigeria);**
- 6.122 **Continue efforts to fight trafficking in persons, from investigation, prosecution and punishment for acts of trafficking, to redress for victims (Albania);**
- 6.123 **Adopt a National Action Plan aimed at combatting trafficking in human beings for the purpose of labour exploitation and improving the identification of, and assistance to, victims of trafficking (Bangladesh);**
- 6.124 **Provide support and protection to the family considering that it is the fundamental and natural unit of society (Egypt);**
- 6.125 **Guarantee the right to union representation, and take the necessary measures to prevent criminal prosecution of workers involved in strikes (Mexico);**
- 6.126 **Strengthen policies that combat unemployment and promote decent employment, especially among young people and the Roma population (Peru);**
- 6.127 **Implement the recommendations of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights 1) to step up efforts to reduce unemployment, 2) to ensure the pension system's sustainability and 3) to provide the coverage of the entire population, including the most disadvantaged groups, by the social security system (Belarus);**
- 6.128 **Adopt measures with the goal to combating horizontal and vertical segregation in employment (Croatia);**
- 6.129 **Continue implementing and fostering measures to address the low rate of employment among young people, through provision of adequate training and support programs (Mauritius);**
- 6.130 **Implement justice and social equality policies (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela);**
- 6.131 **Guarantee access to health and education in less populated areas (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela);**
- 6.132 **Make progress in adjusting the social system to the needs of the elderly persons (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela);**
- 6.133 **Continue efforts to ensure that all persons are covered by the social security system (Cabo Verde);**
- 6.134 **Further promote economic, social and sustainable development so as to better protect the rights of vulnerable groups (China);**
- 6.135 **Adopt the necessary measures to expand pension coverage with special focus on the most disadvantaged persons and groups (Colombia);**
- 6.136 **Promote the widespread construction of social housing for vulnerable families (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela);**
- 6.137 **Adopt a legislative framework relating to the right to housing**

- aimed in particular at ensuring that evicted persons have access to compensation or other decent housing, that they are informed of the eviction decision and that they have access to effective judicial remedy (Algeria);
- 6.138 Consider adopting a new and comprehensive legal framework to guarantee equal access to health care for all people living in Spain, without discrimination (Malta);
- 6.139 Redouble efforts in ensuring access to quality healthcare, social security and education by the vulnerable sectors including minorities (Philippines);
- 6.140 Continue to effectively implement the Royal Decree-Law no. 7/2018 towards universal public health care (Viet Nam);
- 6.141 Establish a mechanism to ensure that women's access to sexual and reproductive health services is not impeded by refusals to provide abortion services on the grounds of conscience (Iceland);
- 6.142 Ensure effectively the accessibility of sexual and reproductive health services for all women, in particular adolescents (Angola);
- 6.143 Promote the universalization of public child education (Honduras);
- 6.144 Strengthen measures to address the high number of high school dropout, particularly children of vulnerable backgrounds (Myanmar);
- 6.145 Consider measures to reduce the high dropout and repetition rates in secondary education by addressing socioeconomic factors that may influence decisions to leave education prematurely (Sri Lanka);
- 6.146 Adopt a strategy to reduce high dropout rates and segregation in secondary schools, particularly targeting disadvantaged groups, including migrant populations and people of african descent (Bahamas);
- 6.147 Include comprehensive sexual education in the school curriculum (Denmark);
- 6.148 Continue practical steps in promoting and protecting the rights of women, including women with migrant background (Islamic Republic of Iran);
- 6.149 Continue its efforts in setting legislative measures against all forms of gender-based violence (Liechtenstein);
- 6.150 Pursue efforts to combat violence against women by providing adequate training to judicial bodies responsible for processing and investigating cases in this area and by ensuring full assistance to victims of violence as well as their families (France);
- 6.151 Continue efforts to prevent gender-based violence and to implement projects for the empowerment of women (Georgia);
- 6.152 Consider establishing specialized centres so that all survivors of sexual violence can be comprehensively assisted by a specialized team (Iceland);
- 6.153 Further strengthen the implementation of positive legislations enacted with regard to combatting violence against women (India);
- 6.154 Increase efforts aimed at reducing violence against women, more

particularly after the adoption of the National Pact to combat violence based on gender (Morocco);

6.155 Strengthen measures to address the prevalence of violence against women, including sexual violence (Philippines);

6.156 Continue the efforts to eliminate violence and discrimination against women and girls and to ensure their greater participation and representation in all sectors of society (Republic of Korea);

6.157 Continue the initiatives aimed at combating violence against women (Romania);

6.158 Take further actions to promote and protect the human rights of women, including the prevention of violence against women (Japan);

6.159 Intensify the efforts to address gender-based violence, including by effective implementation of relevant policies by authorities concerned and by considering the inclusion of other forms of gender-based violence in the organic law (Thailand);

6.160 Reinforce measures to combat violence against women, ensuring that victims have access to immediate means of redress, protection and that perpetrators are held accountable (Angola);

6.161 Continue to promote gender equality and eliminating all forms of violence against women and girls (Bosnia and Herzegovina);

6.162 Continue strengthening gender equality and eliminate various forms of violence against woman (Libya);

6.163 Provide effective training to judicial bodies in charge of investigating cases of gender-based violence, in line with the Basic Law on Comprehensive Protection Measures against Gender-Based Violence (Croatia);

6.164 Continue developing effective actions to combat all forms of violence against women (Cuba);

6.165 Adopt further measures to provide effective training to law enforcement officers and judicial bodies that investigate gender-based violence (Czechia);

6.166 Establish specialized centres to assist all survivors of sexual violence (Czechia);

6.167 Ensure that victims of gender-based violence have access to immediate means of redress and protection (Denmark);

6.168 Provide effective training to the judicial bodies in charge of investigating cases of gender-based violence, in line with existing laws, and evaluate their operation to identify and encourage best practices and ensure accountability in cases of lack of due diligence (Malta);

6.169 Establish specialized centers and crisis centers on a national scale so that survivors of sexual violence, as well as their families, have access to adequate information and comprehensive treatment and response services, in line with international human right standards (Netherlands);

6.170 Continue taking concrete measures to prevent gender-based violence against women and girls, including domestic violence, and ensure

that women and girls victims of violence have access to means of redress and protection (Italy);

6.171 Enhance specialized training for staff involved in ensuring comprehensive protection of women as victims of violence (Slovenia);

6.172 Continue the efforts made to combat domestic violence (Tunisia);

6.173 Consider further measures that will bring about due diligence in tackling domestic violence cases, including measures like the provision of training for judges and law enforcement authorities (Turkey);

6.174 Continue to reduce the number of victims of gender-based violence, give them access to justice, and progressively overcome the wage gap between men and women (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela);

6.175 Continue to strengthen efforts to curb the high number of deaths of women as a result of violence committed by partners or former partners (Australia);

6.176 Ensure that victims of gender-based violence have access to immediate means of redress and protection (Austria);

6.177 Continue the implementation of measures to combat domestic violence and provide adequate assistance to the victims of such violence that are stipulated in the National Covenant on Combatting Gender-based Violence (Bulgaria);

6.178 Consider taking further action to eliminate the gender pay gap and increase the political representation of women (Greece);

6.179 Pursue policies aimed at the improvement of gender equality in the labour market and strengthen application of labour laws in corporations and public administration to ensure real and effective equality (Mauritius);

6.180 Step-up measures to eliminate gender wage gap between women and Men (Myanmar);

6.181 Review legislation and policies related to the promotion of women's employment (Jordan);

6.182 Continue to raise the percentage of women in Government (Bosnia and Herzegovina);

6.183 Establish the legislation deemed necessary to continue ensuring equality for women in the economic and business life (Colombia);

6.184 Continue consolidating national mechanisms to enable greater participation and equality for women (Dominican Republic);

6.185 Ensure real and effective equality in women's economic and corporate life, including by enacting legislation on gender equality that ensures transparency in corporations and public administration (Norway);

6.186 Renew a Strategic Plan on Equal Opportunities as important gender equality tool (Montenegro);

6.187 Consider the creation of a commission, which includes all stakeholders, that continues promoting gender equality (Peru);

6.188 Adopt measures to ensure thorough and efficient implementation of international and regional obligations on gender equality in national legislation (Sweden);

6.189 Further strengthen its efforts in combating discrimination and promoting gender equality (Viet Nam);

- 6.190 **Systematically consult with civil society, including women's organizations on gender-related issues during the law making process (Austria);**
- 6.191 **Take further steps aiming at the empowerment of women (Bahrain);**
- 6.192 **Develop strategies to achieve gender equality in all areas of economic, political and social life, including employment and wage equality (Cuba);**
- 6.193 **Further promote gender equality (Cyprus);**
- 6.194 **Increase the allocation of resources to ensure adequate support and assistance to families with children in disadvantaged situations (Philippines);**
- 6.195 **Increase the annual budget to invest child and adolescent protection system (Somalia);**
- 6.196 **Review the criminal legislation related to minors to bring it into line with national legislation (Jordan);**
- 6.197 **Take the steps necessary for bringing criminal legislation applicable to minors into line with international standards (Albania);**
- 6.198 **Ensure that children have accessible and effective complaint mechanisms and entities to turn to for information and legal support when their rights are violated (Belgium);**
- 6.199 **Continue to protect the rights of children and continue to work on a draft bill for the protection of children from violence (Bosnia and Herzegovina);**
- 6.200 **Expedite the adoption of the legislation guaranteeing comprehensive protection of children against violence and ensuring its application at all levels (Maldives);**
- 6.201 **Ensure child-friendly channels for the reporting of sexual exploitation and abuse (Portugal);**
- 6.202 **Adopt a legislation guaranteeing comprehensive protection of children against violence and ensuring its application at all levels (State of Palestine);**
- 6.203 **Achieve the prompt adoption of the general law for the protection and elimination of violence against children, as recommended by the Committee on the Rights of the Child in its concluding observations of 2018 (Uruguay);**
- 6.204 **Implement all possible measures to expedite judicial proceedings where the victims are children and adolescents, especially in cases of sexual abuse, preserving their identity and avoiding encounters with the accused (Uruguay);**
- 6.205 **Continue to reform the special laws for the comprehensive protection in cases of violence against children (Libya);**
- 6.206 **Expedite the adoption of legislation guaranteeing comprehensive protection of children against violence (Ukraine);**
- 6.207 **Further ensure access to education for all children, including**

migrant children (Indonesia);

6.208 Continue its efforts to ensure protection from exploitation of children as a result of illegal migration and trafficking (Myanmar);

6.209 Enhance support services to migrants, in view of particular needs for the protection and promotion of rights of migrant children (Nepal);

6.210 Develop a protocol on methods for determining the age of unaccompanied migrant and refugee children, in accordance with international law, and that the mentioned procedure be used only in cases where there are serious doubts about the age declared (Panama);

6.211 Protect unaccompanied migrant children and refrain from testing age determination contrary to human rights, taking into account SDGs 10 and 16.2 (Paraguay);

6.212 Continue efforts to guarantee the right of all children to an inclusive education, including children belonging to minorities or immigrants (Senegal);

6.213 Enhance efforts to increase migrants children's greater access to education and timely legal protection (Cambodia);

6.214 Take further legal measures to protect children, particularly Gypsy and migrant children, against poverty and sexual exploitation (Islamic Republic of Iran);

6.215 End the use of a procedure of unauthorised forced repatriation of migrants (Russian Federation);

6.216 Affirm the right of parents to choose the kind of education that shall be given to their children in accordance with Article 26 of the UDHR (Solomon Islands);

6.217 Recognize that the State has no legitimate authority under international law to mandatorily prescribe conventional education for all children, that individuals have the right to seek alternative forms of education (Solomon Islands);

6.218 Raise the minimum age of marriage to 18 years for both men and women (Burkina Faso);

6.219 Continue strengthening the fight against discrimination against Roma, focusing particularly in child poverty and school drop-out (France);

6.220 Review, with a view to adopt, several of the recommendations made by the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent in their report (A/HRC/39/69/Add.2) that followed the mission to Spain in 2018, in consultation with civil society groups representing these communities (Haiti);

6.221 Further improve Roma community's access to housing, health and employment (India);

6.222 Review its laws to eliminate all cases of racial discrimination against minorities (Pakistan);

6.223 Make further efforts to guarantee equality and non-discrimination for persons belonging to vulnerable groups - including migrants, ethnic minorities and persons with disabilities - and to ensure their full enjoyment of economic and social rights in areas such as education,

- employment, housing and health care (Republic of Korea);
- 6.224 Move towards the effective equality of the gypsy people (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela);
- 6.225 Continue efforts related to discrimination against Roma and Gypsy populations, in particular with regard to employment, housing, health and education (Albania);
- 6.226 Develop and implement special measures to ensure equal opportunities for the participation of people African descent in the public sector and governmental bodies (Costa Rica);
- 6.227 Strengthen measures for the integration of Roma, in particular for their access to education, healthcare and employment, as well as to ensure their participation in political and social life (Cuba);
- 6.228 Continue to strengthen measures to combat discrimination against linguistic minorities, especially the Roma population and people of African descent (Lesotho);
- 6.229 Increase efforts to integrate persons with disabilities into society, and remove all obstacles that limit this (Sudan);
- 6.230 Continue efforts made to advance the rights of persons with disabilities (Tunisia);
- 6.231 Continue its efforts in promoting the rights of the child, persons with disabilities as well as women and foster the activities of the Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation in these directions (Turkmenistan);
- 6.232 Intensify ongoing efforts to improve the living conditions of persons with disabilities (Cyprus);
- 6.233 Strengthen efforts to identify, prevent and provide protection from multiple forms of discrimination against women and girls with disabilities, in particular women and girls with intellectual or psychosocial disabilities, and allocate adequate resources to support those efforts (Fiji);
- 6.234 Prohibit enforced placement in institutions and enforced treatment for persons with disabilities (Jordan);
- 6.235 Continue its efforts to ensure that educational centres have the necessary resources for students with disabilities to be able to attend under the best conditions possible (Greece);
- 6.236 Continue promoting the rights of persons with disabilities by ensuring inclusive education and accessibility of health-care services and facilities (Malaysia);
- 6.237 Ensure the accessibility and availability of health-care services for all persons with disabilities (Montenegro);
- 6.238 Strengthen the inclusive education for people with disabilities (Peru);
- 6.239 Ensure that children with disabilities affectively exercise their rights to education, autonomy and participation (Qatar);
- 6.240 Further analyse and consider changes to the legislation and policies that would promote the employment of persons with disabilities by

applying the statutory quota (Serbia);

6.241 Adapt the General Law on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and their Social Inclusion, and the Law on Personal Autonomy, to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Chile);

6.242 Implement measures guaranteeing the accessibility and availability of health services to people with disabilities and irregular migrants (Algeria);

6.243 Ensure that no court or prosecutor applies the concept of Parental Alienation Syndrome, as prohibited by the General Council of the Judiciary of Spain (Uruguay);

6.244 Adopt further measures in safeguarding the rights of migrants, refugees and asylum seekers (Nigeria);

6.245 Take concrete steps to protect and promote rights of migrants, asylum seekers and victims of trafficking in persons (Pakistan);

6.246 Continue taking coordinated actions with the European Union for the protection of the human rights of migrants, while noting the concerns expressed by human rights treaty bodies and other UN entities (Japan);

6.247 Adopt legislative and regulatory measures to effectively combat discrimination against certain groups, in particular migrants, refugees and asylum seekers (Togo);

6.248 Continue strengthening measures aimed at guaranteeing the full enjoyment of migrants rights, as well as the investigation and punishment of hate speech, and other acts of discrimination against them, in particular those perpetrated by officials of police, judicial and penitentiary institutions and immigration services (Argentina);

6.249 Ensure that sufficient resources are deployed to support incoming migrants and asylum seekers in a manner consistent with international law and respecting the principle of non-refoulement (Canada);

6.250 Increase efforts to combat discrimination in particularly against immigrants (Iraq);

6.251 Consider eliminating all forms of detention for migrants and asylum seekers and build an open and well resourced temporary lodging, for humanitarian reception of asylum seekers during the processing time of their applications (Afghanistan);

6.252 Adopt all necessary measures to ensure that no one is excluded from healthcare services, especially as regards access to health by irregular migrants, without discrimination, in accordance with articles 2 and 12 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (Honduras);

6.253 Take steps to ensure minorities including migrants, have access to healthcare services (Malaysia);

6.254 Take steps to provide irregular migrants with access to all necessary healthcare services (Sri Lanka);

6.255 Ensure access to basic services for migrants and refugees and commit sufficient resources for authorities to fairly and effectively evaluate the claims of asylum seekers (United States of America);

- 6.256 **Take the necessary steps to ensure that all migrants have access to all necessary healthcare and education services, without discrimination (Afghanistan);**
- 6.257 **Provide temporary humanitarian accommodation to irregular migrants while their cases are being processed, as an alternative to detention (Honduras);**
- 6.258 **Adopt further effective measures to protect economic, social and cultural rights of migrants and asylum seekers and ensure access to adequate standards of living (Portugal);**
- 6.259 **Ensure that immigration procedures and procedural safeguards concerning irregular immigration, refugees, and asylum seekers, particularly in the autonomous cities of Ceuta and Melilla, are consistent with its international human rights obligations (Canada);**
- 6.260 **Reform the Asylum Act in order to establish accelerated and effective procedures, recruit new administrative personnel, establish sector-specific training of staff and renew technical systems (Germany);**
- 6.261 **Improve the conditions of asylum seekers (Iraq);**
- 6.262 **Take all necessary measures to ensure that migrants and asylum seekers enjoy the right to education and to receive the necessary health care (Sudan);**
- 6.263 **Ensure that asylum and migration policies fully respect international law, including the right to seek asylum (Sweden);**
- 6.264 **Ensure asylum claims are processed as quickly as possible, and that administrations work together to ensure asylum seekers and refugees have sufficient access to social protection and services (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland);**
- 6.265 **Take further measures to improve conditions of stay for asylum seekers, in particular children, in reception centers in Ceuta and Melilla and review the duration of proceedings as well as deportation practices (Austria);**
- 6.266 **Consider the development of a protocol on age determination in the case of minor asylum seekers, migrants and refugees (Peru);**
- 6.267 **Prevent the use of deprivation of liberty with regard to undocumented migrants and asylum seekers (Philippines);**
- 6.268 **Take concrete steps to improve access to health and education services by people living in sparsely populated areas (Bahamas);**
- 6.269 **Continue with the on-going efforts to ensure the improvement of the current arrangements in detention and deportation of irregular migrants in accordance with international best practices (Ghana);**
- 6.270 **Ensure full respect of its international obligations with regard to the protection of the rights of migrants and asylum seekers, in particular the principle of non-refoulement (Switzerland);**
- 6.271 **Ensure effective implementation of asylum legislation, and that the migration policies respect the principle of non-refoulement (Afghanistan);**
- 6.272 **Consider amending legislation to guarantee access for asylum seekers to fair and individualized assessment procedures, and to protection**

against refoulement, without discrimination (Brazil);

6.273 Put an end to all forms of collective expulsion and refoulement of asylum seekers and migrants (Côte d'Ivoire);

6.274 Strengthen the asylum system to ensure full compliance with the principle of “non-refoulement” (Cyprus);

6.275 Ensure that all those seeking international protection have access to just and individualized assessment procedures; to protection from return, without discrimination; to an independent mechanism to suspend negative decisions; and in particular, that the practice of summary return of migrants in Ceuta and Melilla be prohibited (Ecuador).

7. All conclusions and/or recommendations contained in the present report reflect the position of the submitting State(s) and/or the State under review. They should not be construed as endorsed by the Working Group as a whole.

Annex

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