



**Statement by Sweden in the
interactive dialogue on Yemen**

*Delivered by Minister Counsellor Irina Schoulgin Nyoni
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Mr President,

Sweden wishes to welcome Yemen to the UPR and thank H.E. Ms. Hooria Mashhoor Ahmed and her delegation for presenting the national report.

In our advanced questions, Sweden asked about the application of the death penalty for persons under 18. Consequently we would also like to recommend the Government of Yemen to impose a moratorium on the execution of death sentences.

Sweden welcomes the work carried out by the Human Rights Ministry to implement the Convention on the Elimination of all Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), which Yemen has ratified.

Could the delegation elaborate further on what is being done in this area, especially with regards to discriminatory practices such as male guardianship?

Sweden wishes to recommend the Government of Yemen to continue its efforts to build capacity in the field of gender-based violence within the police and other authorities. We also recommend that the UNSCR 1325 agenda is included in such capacity building efforts.

Thank you, Mr. President