

*Représentation permanente de la Belgique auprès des Nations Unies et auprès des institutions spécialisées à Genève*

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| **WG UPR – Cambodia** ***Belgian intervention***8 May 2024 |

President,

Belgium congratulates Cambodia with recent progress on social protection. Nevertheless, Belgium believes more can be achieved and recommends the government of Cambodia to:

**R1**. Amend the law on trade unions, in consultation with workers, trade unions and other stakeholders, to bring it into full compliance with ILO Conventions 87 and 98.

**R2.** Investigate all cases of violence against journalists, human rights defenders, environmental defenders, civil society members, political opposition leaders, attacked, harassed, or intimidated for exercising their right to freedom of expression, and release those detained on this basis.

**R3**. Develop a national action plan to prevent child marriage and teenage pregnancy and allocate appropriate resources for its implementation.

Thank you.