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Recommendations by Sweden

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President,

While Sweden acknowledges certain improvements in terms of labour and trade union rights, Sweden is concerned by the human rights situation in Cambodia, not least with regard to civil and political rights such as freedom of expression and assembly. The use of the judiciary to restrict a range of human rights, including for LGBTIQ-persons, is concerning. Sweden would therefore like to make the following recommendations:

1. Hold meaningful consultations with civil society on draft laws which impact freedom of expression, including the draft laws related to cybercrime, cybersecurity, and personal data protection.
2. Ensure that the Arbitration Council is able to maintain its independence and function as an effective national institution to resolve disputes in a timely manner.
3. Ensure the effective inclusion and protection of LGBTIQ-persons in relevant laws and policies in order to combat discrimination and gender-based violence, including in schools, the employment sector, healthcare and in public settings.

Thank you.