38th session of the UPR Working Group

Review of Niger

Recommendations by Sweden

Delivered by: Mr Fredrik Nivaeus, Minister Counselor, Permanent Mission of Sweden

3 May 2021

President,

Sweden notes that the National Commission for Human Rights of Niger has investigated and reported in September 2020 regarding the disappearance of more than 100 people in the Tillabéri region. Accountability must be ensured - challenges remain to prevent future human rights violations by security and defence forces and to ensure the respect for human rights, international humanitarian law and the rule of law in all counterterrorism responses.

Sweden would hence like to make the following recommendation:

1. Ensure accountability and conduct transparent and impartial investigations into alleged violations and abuses of human rights committed during counterterrorism operations in accordance with article 96 of the Constitution of 1996.

Thank you