**ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO (FIRST BATCH)**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

* Does Trinidad and Tobago plan to establish a system for assessing asylum claims and providing protection to refugees?
* What is the Government of Trinidad and Tobago doing to ensure equal pay for equal work between men and women and to address gender-based violence?
* What is the Government of Trinidad and Tobago doing to prevent discrimination against all individuals, including those who are LGBTQI+?
* What is the Government of Trinidad and Tobago doing to ensure that officials implicated in human trafficking are investigated and, as appropriate, prosecuted, and to ensure that victims are properly screened for human trafficking and referred to services?
* What is the Government of Trinidad and Tobago doing to address the frustratingly immobile criminal justice system which incarcerates those awaiting trial, even for petty offenses, for years, and disproportionately affects persons who are poor and unable to post bail?

**LIECHTENSTEIN**

* What steps has Trinidad and Tobago taken towards the full and legal abolition of the death penalty?

**BELGIUM**

* Is the government of Trinidad & Tobago considering ratifying the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance as well as the Optional Protocols to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and to the Convention and on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography?
* Belgium is a strong proponent of the abolition of the death penalty. Will the government of Trinidad & Tobago repeal provisions allowing for the imposition of the death penalty as the mandatory punishment for some offences, in violation of international human rights law? Is the government considering to ratify the Second Optional protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights aiming at the abolition of the death penalty?
* What follow-up has the government of Trinidad & Tobago given to the CEDAW-Committee’s recommendations on trafficking? Will the government work with international partners to scale-up and strengthen protection and reparation available for survivors of trafficking?
* Will the government of Trinidad & Tobago intensify efforts to provide effective access for women and girls to comprehensive information on sexual and reproductive health and rights, including on the use of modern forms of contraception, in order to reduce the high rate of teenage pregnancy?
* Is the government of Trinidad and Tobago considering to decriminalize sexual relations between consenting adults of the same sex by repealing articles 13 and 16 of the Sexual Offences Act?