**ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO THE CONGO – ADD.1**

**CZECH REPUBLIC**

* Does the Government of Congo intend to ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture that has established the universal system of monitoring of detention places and when?
* Has the Government adopted any measures to improve living conditions in prisons and to facilitate independent monitoring of all detention places?
* What measures has the Government taken to protect human rights of juvenile prisoners so as they are sufficiently separated from other prisoners and so that they are not subject to other penalties than those delivered to them by the Court?

**UNITED KINGDOM**

* Is the Government of Congo currently considering any new legislation which will abolish the death penalty for all offences?
* Please could you tell us when the Government of Congo intends to finish its review of legislative codes in relation to preventing and punishing torture?
* What specific steps has the National Commission to Combat Corruption, Extortion and Fraud taken to address corruption in the business environment, and have there been successful prosecutions for corruption in any sectors as a result of such work?
* Please could the Government of Congo elaborate further on the specific measures they plan to take over the coming year to eliminate all forms of discrimination against women and girls?
* Does the Government of Congo intend to ratify the international Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities?