

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO PALAU

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- According to the information by the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, 82 countries from different regions of the world have issued standing invitations to all special procedures of the Human Rights Council. While no requests have been made by special procedures mandate holders to visit Palau – would your country consider extending a standing invitation to all special procedures of the Human Rights Council in the future?

UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND

- Please elaborate on what measures you are taking to strengthen your laws against perpetrators of human trafficking, including forced prostitution and labour, to ensure they receive the appropriate penalty. What protection and assistance are you providing the victims of human trafficking?
- What plans do you have to create national policies which create greater protection for migrant workers and their families, including from abusive practices such as forced labour and prostitution?
- What plans do you have to expand the services currently available to the victims of domestic and sexual abuse to include temporarily shelter, protection and support services for the victims?
- We would be interested to know to what extent the Government is considering changes to its constitution to allow children born of foreign parents adopted by Palau citizens, the same privileges as a Palau national, including citizenship.
- When will you conclude your review process regarding the possibilities for accession of key international human rights instruments, such as CEDAW?
- We would be interested to know to what extent the Government is considering changes to the two laws within its constitution that discriminate against married women with respect to rape and the other with respect to inheritance?
- What steps are you taking to raise understanding and awareness of reproductive health and health problems facing adolescents, namely drug abuse and HIV/AIDS, especially in changing community attitudes towards individuals in these groups?