ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO SOLOMON ISLANDS

LIECHTENSTEIN

• Liechtenstein recognizes that Solomon Islands has signed the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and, during the first cycle of the Universal Periodic Review, accepted recommendations to ratify it. Liechtenstein also appreciates the participation of Solomon Islands in the "Workshop for the Universality of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and the Kampala Amendments on the Crime of Aggression in the Pacific Region", hosted by Liechtenstein and New Zealand. What steps has Solomon Islands taken to ratify the Rome Statute in its 2010 version?

SLOVENIA

• We note that there is no legislation to legally prohibit corporal punishment of children in the Solomon Islands, but that the Ministry of Education and Human Resource Management had carried out a study on 'barriers to education' with a set of recommended actions towards addressing corporal punishment. Are you foreseeing further measures towards ending all forms of corporal punishment of children in all settings by enforcing its prohibition?

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- When will the truth and reconciliation committee officially publish its findings and what steps will the government take to ensure that the findings are acted upon to address the root causes of tensions in the Solomon Islands, in particular the issue of land ownership?
- What progress is the Solomon Islands making towards fixing a time frame for constitutional reforms to be tabled before parliament including finalisation of the Child Welfare and Protection Bill and the stand alone Anti People Trafficking Bill?
- What electoral reforms and legislative amendments will the government be taking to enhance opportunities for women in politics and senior government positions including Temporary Special Measures?
- What progress has the government made toward establishing a Human Rights Institution within the country either by strengthening existing institutions or by setting up a standalone institution?
- When will the Solomon Islands ratify the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court?