

## **ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA – ADD.1**

### **CZECH REPUBLIC**

- Despite the recommendations of the Committee on the Rights of the Child, the Global Initiative to End All Corporal Punishment of Children (GIEACPC) noted that corporal punishment was lawful in the penal system (as a sentence for crime); in the home; in schools (under the Education Act 1973); as a disciplinary measure in penal institutions (under the Prison Act 1956 and the Training Schools Act 1891); and in alternative care settings. Could you provide more information whether Antigua and Barbuda is considering repealing the Corporal Punishment Act, the Education Act, together with explicit prohibition of corporal punishment of children in all settings?
- The Committee on the Rights of the Child was concerned at the low rate of prosecutions of those who sexually exploited children and the few public campaigns on sexual exploitation laws. It noted that, given Antigua and Barbuda's reliance on commercial tourism, children's sexual exploitation should be a concern and recommended that it develop a policy addressing children's sexual exploitation, including risk factors. Could you brief us on what measures will be taken to prevent child abuse, investigate complaints, ensure prosecution of perpetrators of child abuse and provide recovery services to victims of abuse?
- Some universal human right treaty bodies expressed its concern about the lack of information on prostitution and trafficking of women. Could you brief us on what measures have been taken to monitor the trafficking phenomenon, including children?