

## **ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO**

### **UNITED KINGDOM**

- We should be grateful if you would provide information on the extent to which civil society in Trinidad & Tobago was consulted in the preparation of your national report.
- We would like to ask whether the adoption of a 3-tiered classification of murder is designed to hand the decision making power to the presiding judge, thereby abolishing mandatory imposition of the Death Penalty?
- Please could you elaborate on the reasons for declaring the State of Emergency which has been in place since 22 August 2011 and advise us of what steps you have taken to assess the continuing justification for it.
- Could you indicate whether an independent inquiry will be set up to investigate both the imposition of the State of Emergency on 22 August 2011 and the conduct of security operations during the State of Emergency has been in place?
- We would be grateful for information on action undertaken to to further raise the level of policing standards to prevent excessive use of force and unlawful killings?
- Please could you explain what steps are being taken to protect women from discrimination and domestic violence?
- Could you please explain what is being done to reduce the length of pre-trial detention?