

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO JAMAICA

GERMANY

- What measures have been undertaken to raise awareness on discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity and more concretely which steps have been undertaken to ensure the protection of LGBTIQ persons?
- What steps have been undertaken by the Jamaican government to ensure that legal and safe abortion services are available for women and girls who are pregnant as a result of rape or incest, or whose lives or health are at risk due to their pregnancy?
- How does Jamaica ensure the establishment of adequate services and opportunities for children, including psychosocial support for children in state custody and children with disabilities?

NORWAY

- Does a plan of action to respond to displacement and homelessness among children and youth exist? If so, how effective has its implementation been to date?
- What is the status of plans announced by the government to establish a National Human Rights Institution?
- What concrete steps does Jamaica intend to take to reduce discrimination, towards people based on health status, sexual orientation or gender identity, or other stigmatized categories, and what legal recourse will be made available for victims of discrimination?
- Does Jamaica have a clear definition of “hate crime”? If so, does this include sexual orientation and gender identity, as well as other possible motives of hate crimes such as religion, gender, race, disability or ethnicity? What steps is Jamaica taking to monitor and document incidents of hate crime against LGBT people, to ensure accurate reporting and collation of information, and identify patterns of crime?

SLOVENIA

- Is Jamaica considering amending the laws with a view to prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sex, sexual orientation and gender identity? What concrete steps does the state intend to take to address homophobic discrimination with the use of awareness -raising and human rights education?
- We would like to receive further information on measures taken to protect women from different forms of domestic violence, including on programs, shelters to protect victims of domestic violence?

SWEDEN

- What measures has the Government taken towards prohibiting all corporal punishment of children, as recommended by the Committee on the Rights of the Child and other UN treaty bodies?
- What measures has the Government taken to improve the safety of LGBT persons and to reduce the number of alleged hate crimes against them?

UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND

- When will the Government of Jamaica enact comprehensive anti-discrimination legislation which will specifically prohibit discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation, disability and other globally recognized categories that are not currently protected under Jamaica's Charter of Fundamental Rights and Freedoms?
- When will Jamaica complete its support of the International Criminal Court by ratifying the Rome Statute, particularly provisions to investigate and prosecute genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes in its national courts?
- Please could you provide an update on the status of national consultations on the abolition of the death penalty? When will the Government of Jamaica ratify, without reservation, the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at abolition of the death penalty?
- What steps are being taken to reform Jamaica's penal system in line with contemporary Human Rights standards? Has Jamaica implemented the recommendations contained in the Auditor General's performance audit of Correctional Services in 2014 as part of the review of detention and rehabilitation measures in Jamaica's correctional facilities?
- What measures will the government take to strengthen Jamaica's child protection systems in line with the Convention of the Rights of the Child and other international treaties which require that all children be protected from harm?