

## **ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO SIERRA LEONE**

### **CZECH REPUBLIC**

- In which time frame does the Government plan the ratification of the OP-CAT? Is the Government already preparing establishment of its national preventive mechanism according to the OP-CAT?
- How is the Government in practice ensuring the freedom of expression with regard to human rights defenders and journalists and in particular their protection against harassment and persecution?
- What steps are being taken to eliminate gender-based violence, in particular FGM? What protection, redress and rehabilitation are available to victims of such acts?
- What measures have been taken or are being prepared to achieve further improvement of election processes, including in the areas covered by recommendations of the EU election observation mission of 2012?

### **LIECHTENSTEIN**

- Liechtenstein recognizes Sierra Leone's commitment to international criminal justice, as evidenced by its ratification of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal. What steps has Sierra Leone taken to ratify the Kampala Amendments to the Rome Statute?

### **MEXICO**

- Are there current measures to prohibit corporal punishment of children in family and institutional settings?
- What measures have been taken to guarantee equal and effective access to justice for women, including efforts to promote knowledge of women rights?
- Are there any policies or programs to promote the integration of former child soldiers to the working force, including in particular those with disabilities?

### **SLOVENIA**

- Slovenia notes the efforts of the Government of Sierra Leone to address the issue of child labor. What additional measures will the Government take to eliminate child labor, in particular its worst forms, and what is the time-line for these measures?

- We welcome the official moratorium on executions in place since 2011. When does Sierra Leone intend to abolish the death penalty?
- We are concerned about reports regarding torture and ill-treatment of detainees and cases of arbitrary detention. What measures have recently been taken or will be taken to prevent, investigate and punish violence in prisons, and to ensure that all cases of death in custody are effectively investigated?

## **SPAIN**

- In 2013 the Ministry of Justice committed itself to improve detention centers so as to raise their conditions to international standards. Which measures have the authorities of Sierra Leona taken to implement this commitment?