

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO HAITI

3RD BATCH

CZECHIA

- Does the Government consider becoming a state party to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, Convention against Torture and the Optional Protocol thereto?
- What steps has the Government adopted to improve the conditions of detention, e.g., to alleviate overcrowding, eliminate malnutrition, address lack of separation between adults and children and lack of adequate health care? How does the Government intend to systematically address the overuse of long-term pre-trial detention?
- What measures is the Government adopting to strengthen the independence of the judiciary and its capacity to deliver justice and ensure accountability?
- What measures has the Government adopted or is preparing in order to combat systematically stereotyping and discrimination against women and girls as well as discrimination and stigmatization of persons based on their sexual orientation and gender identity? Does the Government consider reviewing its legislation in order to eliminate discriminatory provisions and adopting a robust law preventing and fighting violence against women, including a definition of rape consistent with international standards and the criminalization of marital rape?
- What steps has the Government adopted to ensure that free, fair and peacefully conducted elections are held in regular intervals and that the electoral system is conducive to a democratic and transparent electoral process?
- How is the Government addressing the allegations of threats, harassment and intimidation by security forces and political authorities against human rights defenders, journalists and members of the opposition? What measures is the Government adopting to create a safe and enabling environment for civil society, including human rights organizations?
- What measures are being adopted to protect children more effectively from exploitation, violence and sexual abuse? How does the Government intend to eradicate the widespread placement of children from poor families in domestic service (restavek)? Does the Government intend to criminalize the practice as recommended by the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child?

NORWAY

- What are Haiti's strategies to ensure the respect of the rights of the child and in particular access to education for children and to reduce the number of children being employed as "restavek"?
- What are the strategies of the authorities to combat corruption and what results have these yielded so far?
- What are the initiatives of the government to combat violence against women?

SPAIN

- Will any measure be taken by the Government to guarantee free and compulsory schooling for all children, taking into account that today the average child starts primary school two

years after the international standard and 40% of said children don't finish their primary studies?

- Will any measure be taken by the Government in order to reduce the time of preventive detention for detainees before be brought to justice?