

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO BENIN (FIRST BATCH)

BRAZIL

- Could you provide further information on the functioning of the Ombudsman (“médiateur de la république”), especially on the establishment of its regional offices, and on how it faces challenges such as regional disparities in access to education by economically disadvantaged women and girls?
- Could you provide details on how Benin has been implementing the Children’s Code, especially in what concerns the effective implementation of the prohibition of child marriage, sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography?

GERMANY

- Which concrete measures is Benin taking to effectively reduce the often still very long periods of pre-trial detention?
- Which measures is Benin taking to ensure the effective functioning of Benin’s Human Rights Commission?
- Which concrete measures is Benin taking to step up its efforts to prevent and fight child labour and child trafficking?
- Which measures is Benin taking to ensure the prohibition of Female Genital Mutilation is effectively implemented in all parts of the country, including in rural areas?

SLOVENIA

- Slovenia notes with appreciation the measures to strengthen child protection in Benin. However, it remains concerned that certain harmful practices such as female genital mutilation, child, early and forced marriage remain prevalent and unpunished, particularly in the rural areas. We would like to inquire on additional measures of the Government of Benin to strengthen awareness raising activities, particularly in rural areas, among parents, religious leaders, general public and the media of the negative consequences and unacceptability of child early and forced marriage.
- Slovenia is concerned by the reports on prison overcrowding and on the situation of detainees and prisoners, including those still waiting for the death sentence to be commuted to life sentence and would like to ask the Government of Benin regarding the measures planned to address these issues.

URUGUAY

- L’Uruguay apprécierait recevoir des informations mises à jour sur les recommandations suivantes qui ont été acceptées par le Bénin:

- Recenser, et réviser ou abroger toutes les dispositions du Code pénal et du Code de procédure pénale qui sont incompatibles avec le Protocole facultatif se rapportant au Pacte international relatif aux droits civils et politiques, visant à abolir la peine de mort (108.5).

- Mettre en place toutes sortes de mesures pour garantir une riposte globale face à l'infanticide rituel. Mettre notamment en œuvre des activités de prévention et des mesures de protection, et adopter des mesures juridiques et judiciaires faisant de l'infanticide rituel un crime (108.64).