

## **ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO CANADA (FIRST BATCH)**

### **URUGUAY**

- Regarding the recommendation accepted by Canada during the 2<sup>o</sup> Cycle, Uruguay would like to be informed if the internal process for the ratification of the Optional Protocol of the Convention Against Torture and the establishment of a national prevention mechanism is taking place and when the ratification could be expected.
- Also, Uruguay would like to be informed if Canada is considering accessing the Interamerican Convention on Human Rights.

### **UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

- Was the Canadian government aware of the alleged Treaty 8 violations associated with the Site C Dam on the Peace River near Fort St. John in northeastern British Columbia prior to progressing with construction?
- In the aftermath of the departure of a senior staff member from the missing and murdered indigenous women (MMIW) inquiry, how does the government intend to establish stable leadership for this project in the future?
- In 2017, the Canadian government published their federal strategy to address gender-based violence. Within the report, it was noted multiple times that the needs of the indigenous community would be addressed specifically with regards to gender-based violence. What progress has the government made to create culturally relevant and indigenous-specific campaigns to address gender-based violence?

### **GERMANY**

- In the 2nd UPR cycle Canada accepted the German recommendation to recognise the right to safe drinking water and sanitation. Which steps has Canada taken to ensure that the legal system guarantees economical, physical and legal accessibility to proper water and sanitation systems for all Canadians including Indigenous and First Nations?
- What steps is Canada taking to develop a comprehensive national strategy to ensure that services for Indigenous people are equitable and adequate, including in particular in relation to education, health care, child welfare and housing?
- What steps has Canada undertaken to ratify OP-CAT?