**ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO FINLAND (FIRST BATCH)**

**PANAMA**

* The Human Rights Committee recommended that Finland speed up the legislative reforms to effectively prevent and combat all forms of violence against women, including by explicitly criminalizing forced marriage. We would be grateful if Finland could provide an update on the progress made in the implementation of this recommendation.
* What steps have been taken to increase women’s participation in the public and private sectors and their representation at the highest level, especially for women with disabilities or ethnic minority backgrounds?
* What measures are being implemented to ensure inclusive, public participation and access to information in all climate-related legislative and policy planning processes, especially by those most impacted, including children, youth and Sami people?
* Is Finland envisaging to ratify the Convention on Cluster Munitions and the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons?

**GERMANY**

* Since the last UPR review, which steps has Finland taken to strengthen the rights of Sámi people? How and to what degree were members of the Sámi people included in these reform processes?
* Which measures have been taken to counteract structural discrimination by police against minorities?
* How will freedom of religion or belief be taken into account when amending animal welfare laws?
* How many and which of the 2016 asylum laws have been reversed? How does Finland guarantee asylum rights in states of emergency?
* Since the last review cycle, which structural measures have been taken to strengthen the legal protection of victims and survivors of violence against women?

**UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND**

* What progress has the Finnish Government made in prohibiting discrimination against persons with disabilities in all fields, including the provision of government services?
* What steps has the Finnish Government taken to ensure religious groups are able to practice relevant animal slaughter methods to produce meat?
* What progress has the Finnish Government made in implementing its Action Plan for Combating Violence Against Women?
* What measures has the Finnish Government taken to protect the rights of transgender people in Finland?