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

**PANAMA**

* What efforts are being undertaken to address the gender pay gap and to promote women’s effective participation and decision-making in public, economic and political life?
* What measures have been adopted to combat the stigmatization of, and prejudice against children with disabilities?
* What steps have been taken to combat discrimination, hate speech, principally through the Internet and social media, prejudices and stereotypes directed towards asylum-seekers, refugees, Roma, Jews and other groups in vulnerable and marginalized situations?

**GERMANY**

* How does the Czech Republic intend to further develop the institutional framework for monitoring and respecting human rights (in particular status / guarantee of independence, expansion of competences and resources of the Human Rights Ombudsman) to bring the office into full compliance with the Paris Principles?
* Which measures does the Czech Republic intend to take in order to raise public awareness of the rights of minorities and disadvantaged groups, particularly the Roma population?
* Which steps does the Czech Republic take to punish gender-based violence, including the improvement of the training of judges?
* What legal steps does the Czech Republic take to recognise sexual orientation and gender identity as a cause for hate crimes?
* Which measures is the Czech Republic taking to improve conditions in prisons and detention centers, particularly with regard to overcrowding?

**SWEDEN**

* What specific measures and actions have been taken to ensure women’s protection against gender-based and domestic violence?
* How is the Government working to ensure that same-sex couples will have the same rights as opposite-sex couples?

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

* Will the Czech Republic abolish the requirement of sterilisation as part of the process of changing an individual’s legal gender recognition, due to it being a violation of human rights according to the European Court of Human Rights?
* What steps has the Czech Republict taken to end the segregation of Roma children in education and provide anti-discrimination training to teachers?
* What steps is the Czech Republic taking to improve training for those who work with vulnerable victims, including victims of rape, to ensure their access to justice?
* What progress has been made by the Czech Republic on implementing the Call to Action to end Forced Labour, Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking?
* Will the Czech Republic strengthen the position of the Public Defender of Rights to include the duties of a National Human Rights Institution which complies fully with the Paris Principles?