**ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO PERU (THIRD BATCH)**

**BELGIUM**

* During the previous UPR, the government of Peru accepted the recommendation to ratify the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty. What is the state of play of the ratification process?
* Belgium is concerned by the disproportionate use of force during demonstrations and social conflicts. Which measures is the government of Peru taking to ensure that any use of force by law enforcement officials complies with the international principles of legality, necessity, proportionality and accountability, particularly during peaceful gatherings involving minors?
* Belgium welcomes that Peru adopted policies and mechanisms for the protection of human rights defenders. Will the government of Peru reinforce the Intersectoral Mechanism to Protect Human Rights Defenders?
* Belgium welcomes that a number of laws and policies specifically aimed at combating violence against women have been adopted. Which further measures the government of Peru intends to take to strengthen prevention and increase prosecution of gender-based violence?
* In September 2018, Peru signed the Regional Agreement on Access to Information, Public Participation and Justice in Environmental Matters in Latin America and the Caribbean (Escazú Agreement). Has the government of Peru the intention to submit the agreement for ratification to Parliament?