**ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO BARBADOS (SECOND BATCH)**

**CANADA**

* What steps is Barbados taking to improve awareness among state officials of the Charter of Barbados, which recognizes the equal rights of Barbadians, including LGBTQI+ people, and to build capacity and support for inclusion?

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* How does Barbados plan to improve access for those with disabilities?
* Will Barbados abolish capital punishment?
* How is Barbados planning to improve the situation for women and girls who are the victims of gender-based violence?
* Does Barbados intend to abolish corporal punishment in the school system?
* What steps is Barbados taking to protect the rights of the LGBTQI+ community?

**BELGIUM**

* Is the government of Barbados considering to ratify the 3 Optional Protocols to the Convention on the Rights of the Child, the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance, the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and its Optional Protocol, as well as the IL Convention on Domestic Workers (n° 189)?
* As a strong proponent of the abolition of the death penalty, Belgium welcomes the fact that no execution has taken place in Barbados since 1984 and the 2019 constitutional amendment removing the mandatory death penalty for those convicted of murder. Will the government of Barbados, as a next step, reduce the offences for which the death penalty may be imposed to the most serious crimes as well as commute death sentences? Is the government considering to ratify the Second Optional protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights aiming at the abolition of the death penalty?
* During the previous UPR, Barbados accepted the Belgian recommendation to expedite the adoption of the Juvenile Justice Bill in order to, inter alia, outlaw the use of corporal punishment as a criminal sanction. What is the state of play regarding the adoption and implementation of the Juvenile Justice Bill? Is the government of Barbados considering to prohibit all corporal punishment of children in accordance with the International Convention on the Rights of the Child, ratified by Barbados?
* Belgium welcomes the adoption of the 2021–2023 National Action Plan to Combat Human Trafficking. What other concrete measures is the government of Barbados envisaging to effectively implement the Trafficking in Persons Prevention Act?
* Is the government of Barbados planning to pass a form of civil union for same-sex couples and to organize a referendum regarding the recognition of same-sex unions?