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

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

* The government has not implemented the majority of the recommendations contained in the 2009 Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) report. The law creating the commission requires that the president submit quarterly progress reports to the legislature on the implementation of TRC recommendations; however, since January 2018, the government has failed to submit quarterly reports. When will the government resume submitting quarterly reports? What else is the Government of Liberia doing to advance truth and reconciliation in the country?
* The United States is concerned by the prevalence of Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting (FGM/C) in Liberia. We note that the 2018 executive order issued by former President Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf to prohibit FGM/C of all persons younger than age 18 and of persons older than 18 without their consent, lapsed in 2019, and the government has not taken additional steps to pass legislation criminalizing the practice. What is the Government of Liberia doing to prevent FGM/C? Does the government intend to pass legislation criminalizing FGM/C?
* What steps is the Government of Liberia taking to amend its 2005 anti-trafficking law to remove the requirement of a demonstration of force, fraud, or coercion in child sex trafficking cases?
* What is the government of Liberia doing to reduce discrimination against, and increase accessibility for, persons with disabilities in the country’s social, economic, and educational systems?
* What steps is the Government of Liberia taking to timely, thoroughly, and transparently investigate the February 2020 death of broadcast journalist Zenu Koboi Miller?
* What is the Government of Liberia doing to ensure that the so-called “integrity institutions” have the resources, independence and credibility necessary to conduct their mandates effectively?

**SWEDEN**

* What measures will Liberia be taking to root out discriminatory customary and statutory law that denies Liberian women the same rights afforded to Liberian men, in areas such as land tenure, application of *jus sanguini* etc?
* How will Liberia strengthen its work to fulfil all individual’s sexual and reproductive health and rights (such as improving information and access to modern methods of contraception; safe and legal abortions, maternal health care, and criminalising female genital mutilation and other harmful practices; the inclusion of specific budget line item for contraception supplies and services and implementing comprehensive sexuality education)?
* The newly announced *Anti-SGBV Roadmap* is a welcome step in the Liberian efforts to tackle SGBV and rape in Liberia. An important component in its success will be to ensure the participation of local communities, their leaders and civil society organisations in the implementation of the roadmap, to raise awareness, remove the stigma stopping victims from reporting an address harmful traditional practices. *How is Liberia planning to effectively implement the roadmap including engaging the actors in its realisation?*

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

* What measures are the Government of Liberia taking to abolish the death penalty, in line with the commitments within the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights?
* What steps are the Government of Liberia taking to protect vulnerable individuals, including children, persons with disabilities, LGBT+ persons, and persons diagnosed with HIV/AIDS, including from violence and discrimination?
* What measures are being taken to ensure citizens’ freedom to participate in political processes and to curb violence in the lead up to the Senatorial elections in December, and for future elections?
* To ensure adequate public resources are available to enable the implementation of human rights commitments, what steps and measures are the Government taking to address impunity for acts of corruption, and to ensure that independent judicial processes are followed?
* What action has the Government taken in response to recommendations from the National Economic Dialogue and civil society organisations, calling for accountability for war crimes and related economic crimes, as defined by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, committed during Liberia’s civil conflict?

**GERMANY**

* Could the Government of the Republic of Liberia elaborate on the current state and further development of the implementation of the recommendations made by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) which were issued in 2009 but remain to be established successfully to date.
* The Republic of Liberia is a State party to the Second Optional Protocol to the ICCPR since 2005. Is the Republic of Liberia planning on taking steps toward the abolition of the death penalty?
* The Republic of Liberia has accepted recommendations during the previous UPR to improve and reform the criminal justice sector for example with regard to overcrowding, the shortage of judges, prosecutors and public defenders as well as corruption. Could the Republic of Liberia elaborate on the current state of the implementation of the recommendations?