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

**BELGIUM**

* Does the government of Panama intend to ratify the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights?
* Is the government of Panama considering to recognize the competence of the Committee against Torture to receive and consider communications under article 22 of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment?
* What concrete measures have been taken to raise awareness of violence against women in general but also especially within the law enforcement authorities? Did the government of Panama implement measures to tackle violence against women during the Covid-19 pandemic or has it the intention to do so?
* Which measures have been taken by the government of Panama to guarantee the implementation of Law No. 82 regarding Femicide and Violence Against Women, especially to address impunity for these crimes?
* What measures have been taken to increase the coverage and quality of educational services at all levels? Which effective mechanisms is the government of Panama implementing to guarantee that children have access to and receive education during the Covid-19 pandemic?

**URUGUAY**

* En seguimiento de la recomendación presentada por Uruguay en el segundo ciclo del EPU, que fuera aceptada por Panamá, se agradecería contar con información actualizada sobre las medidas adoptadas para garantizar la prohibición de la discriminación por motivos de orientación sexual e identidad de género en el país.

**CANADA**

* What steps has Panama taken to bring its legislation into conformity with its commitment to equality and non-discrimination, by prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation?
* What steps is Panama taking to fully implement and strengthen the Community Justice which came into force in 2017?
* What steps is Panama taking to comply with the Habeas Data requests it receives, as established in the constitution?

**PORTUGAL on behalf of the Group of Friends on NMIRF’s**

* Could the State-under-review describe its national mechanism or process responsible for coordinating the implementation of accepted UPR recommendations and the monitoring of progress and impact?
* Has the State-under-review established a dedicated ‘national mechanism for implementation, reporting and follow-up’ (NMIRF) covering UPR recommendations, but also recommendations/observations generated by the UN human rights Treaty Bodies, the Special Procedures and relevant regional mechanisms, which, *inter alia*, clusters all the above, manages them in national databases, coordinates implementation actions across government, monitors progress and impact, and then streamline reporting procedures back to the UN? If so, could the State-under-review briefly share its experience on creating such mechanism, including challenges faced and lessons learnt, as well as any plans or needs to strengthen the NMIRF in the future?