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

**SWEDEN**

* The current gender pay gap in Estonia is among the largest in Europe at 17%. What concrete steps is Estonia planning to mitigate the wage gap between men and women?
* What steps are being taken to consider ratifying the UN Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons from 1954?

**BELGIUM**

* Is the government of Estonia considering ratifying the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a Communications Procedure and the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance?
* Which concrete measures will the government of Estonia take to intensify its efforts to tackle the root causes of and close the gender pay gap, as recommended by the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights?
* Will the government of Estonia adopt implementing provisions for the Registered Partnership Act to ensure its full implementation?
* What steps has the government of Estonia taken to address the concerns and recommendations of several treaty bodies regarding gender-based violence? The COVID-19 pandemic increases the risk of gender-based violence. Is the government of Estonia planning additional measures to address this risk?
* Which follow-up has the government of Estonia given to the recommendations of the Human Rights Committee and the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights to amend the Equal Treatment Act in order to ensure protection against discrimination on all the prohibited grounds under the two Covenants?

**HAITI**

* Violence against men and boys, especially violent crime, is a problem in every country. What is Estonia doing to address this issue inside its territory?
* Furthermore, the past 100 years have brought much needed and welcome progress towards gender equality and women's and girls empowerment. Nevertheless, there is a growing sense among some that boys today are falling further behind, especially in education, and the struggles males face are almost invisible to society. What is Estonia doing to address the particular human rights issues facing men and boys, and by extension masculinity, inside its territory?

**PANAMA**

* What efforts have been made taken to tackle the root causes of the gender wage gap and to ensure that the principle of equal pay for work of equal value be effectively enforced?
* The CRC recommended that Estonia ban the handling of firearms for children under the age of 18 years, in general, and in the Estonian Defence League, in particular, and that it establishes a system to regularly monitor the League’s programme. We would appreciate if Estonia could provide updated information on the progress made in the implementation of this recommendation.
* What measures has Estonia taken in order to eliminate discrimination on the basis of religion or belief, age, disability or sex characteristics?

**URUGUAY**

* Following the recommendation presented by Uruguay in the second cycle of the UPR, which was accepted by Estonia, additional information would be appreciated on the ongoing consultations at the national level for the ratification of the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance.