

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO THE COMMONWEALTH OF BAHAMAS

CZECH REPUBLIC

- Do Bahamas intend to accede to ICCPR and ICESCR?
- What is the current situation of the implementation of the Domestic Violence Protection Order Act adopted in 2007?
- What specific measures are available to protect the rights of children of detainees/prisoners?

UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND

- We would be grateful for information on steps being taken to ensure any complaints of excessive use of force by law enforcement/security forces are investigated promptly, thoroughly and with independent oversight.
- What progress has been made to ensure full implementation of the Domestic Violence Protection Order Act?
- Are you able to report on progress on investigation into conditions of detention and access to legal representation at the Carmichael Detention Centre?
- Could you please elaborate on the existence of a national human rights institution in the Bahamas and if it is in full compliance with the Paris Principles?
- Could you please elaborate on the role civil society in the Bahamas played in the preparation of your national report for this process?

SWEDEN

- In Bahamas the practise of flogging was forbidden until 1991 but has since been made legal. Civil society has expressed concern over the use of this practise and the fact that it is in contravention of the national constitution as well as international law. Does the government of Bahamas intend to repeal this cruel practise?
- Bahamas has ratified the Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women. A national law, the Domestic Violence Act, was ratified by the Parliament in 2007 dealing with violence against women. Traditionally marital rape has not been considered a crime in Bahamas, and it seems uncertain if the new law will change this. Can the government of Bahamas clarify if marital rape will be criminalized in the Domestic Violence Act?
- Civil society has reported on several cases of harassment and discrimination against GLBT-people. There is no specific national legislation protecting GLBT-people from discrimination. What measures are taken by the government of Bahamas to guarantee non-discrimination and equal treatment to GLBT-people?