ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO HONDURAS

UNITED KINGDOM

- We should be grateful if you would please tell us more about your plans for a national human rights strategy, particularly if this will incorporate specific concerns raised as a result of the Truth Commission?

- Please could you explain how the newly created Ministry of Justice and Human Rights will complement existing human rights bodies in the country?

- We should be grateful if you would tell us what steps the Honduran Government is taking to protect the rights, safety and freedom of media representatives and other human rights defenders in Honduras, aside from the investigations into murders of journalists and media workers?

- Please could you tell us what steps are being taken to ensure the independence of investigations and prosecutions, and the freedom from impunity, in identified cases of extrajudicial killings and human rights violations?

- The UK welcomes the recognition of a number of LGBT organisations in Honduras. We would be interested to know how the Honduran Government is supporting the ability of the LGBT community and other minority groups to live free from persecution, including through awareness raising?

- Please could you tell us what the Government of Honduras is doing to address the rate of femicide and how the Government is using the Inter-Agency Commission on Femicide and implementing existing legislation and police and justice sector training to protect women?

- We should be grateful if you would elaborate further on the role civil society in Honduras played in the preparation of your national report for this process?

- Please could you elaborate on the existence of a national human rights institution in Honduras and if it is in full compliance with the Paris Principles?