**ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA (FIRST BATCH)**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

* We are concerned with the high incidence of gender-based violence, especially spousal abuse and sexual harassment. Though the law prohibits and has penalties for conviction of domestic violence, some have accused the police of failing to carry out their obligations on domestic violence under the law. What additional resources does the Antigua Royal Police Force need to more effectively carry out its responsibilities and make Antigua and Barbuda a safer place for all citizens and residents?
* We remain concerned about the existence of laws that criminalize same-sex sexual activity between consenting adults. Laws, even when it is unclear whether or how they will be enforced, are an important statement of a country’s values and have a teaching effect. Discriminatory laws can lead to increased violence and harassment. Does your government intend to eliminate the criminalization of LGBTQI+ persons? What steps has your government taken to address this?
* Current laws contain definitions that collectively prohibit the worst forms of child labor. What is the Government of Antigua and Barbuda doing to ensure specific and explicit details are included in relevant statutes?
* Forced labor occurred in domestic service, retail sector particularly in family-owned businesses and amongst foreign laborers from the People’s Republic of China. What is the Government of Antigua and Barbuda doing to reduce and eliminate forced labor?
* What is the Government of Antigua and Barbuda doing to vigorously investigate, prosecute, convict, and punish human traffickers and to identify victims and refer them to services?

**LIECHTENSTEIN**

* Liechtenstein recognizes Antigua and Barbuda's commitment to international criminal justice, as evidenced by its ratification of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC).
* What steps has Antigua and Barbuda taken to ratify the Kampala Amendments to the Rome Statute on the crime of aggression?
* What steps has Antigua and Barbuda taken towards the full and legal abolition of the death penalty?