

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO BAHAMAS

UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN & NORTHERN IRELAND

- We would be grateful for information on steps being taken to immediately establish a moratorium on the use of the death penalty with a view to abolishing it in line with UN resolutions.
- We would be grateful for information on progress made in ensuring that all complaints of excessive use of force by law enforcement and security forces are investigated promptly, thoroughly and with independent oversight.
- Could you please elaborate on what steps have been taken to ratify the Optional Protocols to the ICCPR, ICESCR and the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women?
- We would be grateful for details on what steps you have been taking to repeal all provisions that discriminate against persons on the grounds of their sexual orientation, including in the Domestic Violence Act (Protection Orders) and the Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence Act.

SLOVENIA

- What concrete measures have been adopted to improve the conditions under which illegal immigration detainees are housed?
- What concrete steps have been undertaken to prohibit and prevent corporal punishment in different settings?

MEXICO

- Could you elaborate on the reservations applied by Child Protection Act to the CRC?
- Could you clarify whether children born out of wedlock are entitled to the same rights regarding birth registration, acquisition of nationality and inheritance rights?

NORWAY

- Norway appreciates the efforts taken by The Bahamas in the fight against domestic and gender-based violence. Could the Government inform on the status of the draft *2012-2017 Strategic Plan for the Management, Prevention and Elimination of Family Violence*?
- In the first UPR, The Bahamas did not support recommendations to outlaw marital rape in its national legislation. Despite the rejection, a bill was presented to Parliament in 2009 to amend the *Sexual Offences and Domestic*

Violence Act in order to criminalize rape within marriage. However, to date the bill seems to not have been debated in Parliament. Can the Government inform on the status of this bill?

- During the 2008 review, The Bahamas received several recommendations to establish a national human rights institution in accordance with the Paris Principles. At the time, the response given in the Addendum to the Report of the Working Group was that “the Government of The Bahamas is not in a position to provide a timeline indicating if and when a national human rights body will be established”. Has the Government taken any decision on if and when such an institution might be established?
- The Government of Norway noted with satisfaction that, in the 2008 review, The Bahamas accepted recommendations to consider measures in order to promote non-discrimination based on sexual orientation. Can the Government inform on any specific actions taken since the last review to combat such discrimination?

NETHERLANDS

- **Women’s rights**
What is being done to address the issue of violence against women and girls, including rape and domestic violence?
- **LGBT rights**
What is being done to enhance explicit policy regarding the protection of LGBT individuals from discrimination?
- **Human rights defenders**
What is being done to give space and respect to human rights defenders active in the Bahamas?