

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA

UNITED KINGDOM

- We should be grateful if you would provide information on the extent to which civil society in Antigua and Barbuda was consulted in the preparation of your national report.
- We have noted that there is no independent national human rights institution in Antigua and Barbuda. What plans do you have to introduce an institution that can operate in accordance with the Paris principles?
- Could you please tell us what plans are in place to address the severe overcrowding that exists within HM Prison 1735 and to construct a new facility?
- Could you indicate whether you have plans to decriminalise consensual LGBT sex and remove legal provisions which discriminate in any way against LGBT persons including amendment of The Sexual Offences Act 1995?
- Could you elaborate on how you are working to develop awareness of, and reduce the incidence of, violence against women and all other forms of domestic violence and whether you have considered signing the UN Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women?
- Could you tell us whether you have any plans to review criminal justice procedures in order to reduce the length of detention without trial?
- Could you indicate whether you have considered abolishing the death penalty and whether you will support future United Nations General Assembly resolutions calling for a global moratorium on executions?