

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO PARAGUAY
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- Belgium welcomes the progress made by Paraguay with regard to implementing the recommendations since its first UPR, in particular the approval of the National Preventive Mechanism (NPM). However, other related to the ratification of human rights treaties have only been partially implemented. Can the Government of Paraguay give us an indication as to the timing of the ratification of the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (OP-ICESCR)?
- The Government of Paraguay has ratified the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC). What steps have been taken to align its national legislation with the Statute? Are all necessary provisions to cooperate fully with the ICC included?
- Which concrete measures will the Government of Paraguay take in order to prevent the high rate of teenage pregnancy, taking into account the high maternal mortality rate for this category of young mothers and the number of women having to resort to unsafe abortion?
- What steps have been taken to prevent violence against women and girls, particularly sexual abuse, domestic violence and violent killings of women? How does the Government ensure the investigation of complaints of sexual and gender based violence and the prosecution of perpetrators?
- Is the Government of Paraguay considering to incorporate child sex tourism explicitly as a criminal offence, in order to bring its legislation in conformity with the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography (OP-CRC-SC), which has been ratified by Paraguay?