

## **ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO CUBA (FIRST BATCH)**

### **SLOVENIA**

- In your national report you mentioned that civil society organizations have broad powers and proactive capacity as well as to consult, offer opinion and make decisions. We would be interested to learn more about the cooperation between the government and civil society. Could you elaborate more on how the non-governmental organizations operates in Cuba and if there is any consultation process with civil society organizations and on what occasions?

### **SWEDEN**

- Could the Government of Cuba elaborate on what the status of the implementation is of the National action plan for the prevention and fighting of trafficking in persons and the protection of victims (2017-2020) and are there any initiatives to harmonize all legislation to the Convention on Rights of the Child (CRC) and its Optional Protocol on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography (OPSC), extending child protection in legislation up to 18 years of age?
- Sweden notes the improvement of internet access for the Cuban population in recent years. Could the Government of Cuba elaborate on what measures are being taken in order to further increase access to an open, free and safe internet in the country?
- Sweden welcomes the removal of the exit visa requirement for Cubans in January 2013. However, there have been numerous reports of human rights defenders and representatives of the independent civil society being arbitrarily denied leaving the country. How will the Government of Cuba act to secure free and unrestricted travel for all its citizens?