

## **ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO BELIZE (SECOND BATCH)**

### **UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND**

- What action has been taken to speed up the court process and minimise the extended time prisoners are being held on remand in order to prevent suspects being released without charge?
- Please could you provide an update on the refugee situation specifically how Belize will tackle the ever growing backlog of applications?
- What action has been taken to increase the number of investigations, prosecutions, and convictions of human trafficking?
- Will Belize endorse the Call to Action to End Forced and Child Labour, Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking?
- Can Belize provide an update on its actions to protect people from discrimination, including developing a formal mechanism to report discrimination and abuse?

### **SLOVENIA**

- We noted that in April 2018 Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (SPT) visited Belize and provided recommendations on the establishment of a National Preventive Mechanism. We would be interested to know the state of play regarding the establishment of the National Preventive Mechanism?
- While Belize has ratified all core human Rights treaties, it has not signed the Second Optional Protocol to the International Convention on Civil and Political Rights on the abolition of the death penalty. We note that the death penalty remains in law, despite the de facto moratorium on executions. Are there any considerations or discussions with a view to abolish the death penalty?
- We would like to know if the State under review has any plans to consider reviewing its legislation with the aim to prohibit all forms of corporal punishment of children and in all settings?