ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO NEW ZEALAND (THIRD BATCH)

SLOVENIA

• Concerns continue to persist regarding the over-representation of Maori in prisons and wider criminal justice system. How does the Government envisage tackling this problem?

LIECHTENSTEIN

- Liechtenstein recognizes New Zealand's commitment to international criminal justice, as evidenced by its ratification of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC).
- What steps has New Zealand taken to ratify the Kampala amendments to the Rome Statute on the crime of aggression?

SPAIN

- Several reports highlight the insufficient judicial protection of human rights in the New Zealand legal system due to the lack of constitutional status of the Bill of rights, as well as due to the fact that not all the rights are included in it. We would like to hear the views of the Delegation on that and to know what measures you propose to take in this regard?
- We have been informed of the current debate on the reform of the abortion law and we would like to know the parameters and how the Government believes that it can carry out a reform that is respectful of the highest standard regrading sexual and reproductive rights.
- Organizations representing persons with disabilities have informed of the existence of numerous cases of treatments imposed without the patient's sufficient consent. We would like to know the opinion of the delegation on this question and the measures that can be taken in this regard.

BELGIUM

- Is New Zealand considering to ratify the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure?
- How does New Zealand intend to reduce Māori over-representation at all levels of the criminal justice system?

- Which measures is the government of New Zealand taking to raise the minimum age of criminal responsibility, as recommended by the Committee on the Rights of the Child?
- Will the government of New Zealand develop a comprehensive system of recording and analyzing data on violence against women and girls?
- What measures is New Zealand taking to encourage victims and witnesses to report violence, as recommended by the CEDAW-Committee?