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**German questions and recommendations to
Algeria**

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Madam President,

Germany notes with appreciation the comprehensive programme of reforms as well as the proactive measures taken to create better opportunities for young people undertaken by the Algerian government in 2011.

1. With regard to recent reports by UNESCO and the Special Rapporteur on freedom of expression, Germany would like to know if the Algerian government plans to take any measures to amend existing legislation in order to strengthen the rights to freedom of expression and information as well as the right to free association and assembly.
2. With regard to concern's expressed by CEDAW, Germany recommends to systematically review the Family Code in order to amend and repeal all gender-based discriminatory provisions.
3. With regard to concerns expressed by CAT, Germany recommends to establish a monitoring mechanism against torture and other forms of ill-treatment and to allow the conduction of periodic visits in all places of detention. Germany would also like to know if the government of Algeria intends to ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture?
4. Finally Germany would like to know if the Algerian Government intends to take steps to ensure non-discrimination on all grounds including sexual orientation, and ensure the right to privacy of all people.

I thank you Madame President.