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**German questions and recommendations to
Brazil**

by

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Madam President,

Germany gives credit to the government of Brazil for their persistent commitment to improve the human rights situation. We welcome the achievements in better protecting human rights activists, whose dangerous situation was addressed during the 1st session of the UPR. Problems do however persist.

How does the government address the recommendations made by the Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions with regard to a lack of investigations into extrajudicial executions?

Germany recommends to effectively fight against arbitrary and on-duty police killings, in particular by creating a strong framework for impartial investigation.

The High Commissioner for Human Rights stated that most persons of indigenous origin were not benefitting from the country's economic progress. The Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights and fundamental freedoms of indigenous people recommended to enhance the control of indigenous peoples over their communities, territories and natural resources.

Germany recommends to ensure indigenous peoples adequate consultation as well as full participation in all legislative or administrative measures affecting them.

Finally we would like to thank Brazil its commitment and our excellent cooperation within the "Blue Group" in order to promote the human right to safe drinking water and sanitation.

I thank you.