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German questions to India

by

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Madame President,

Germany welcomes the delegation of India. We appreciate India's commitment to implement the recommendations of the first cycle of the UPR as well as the progress made on institutional and structural recommendations. Germany would like to make the following recommendations:

Germany recommends to effectively implement existing legislation on child labour in line with India's international obligations and strengthen the judicial powers of the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights.

Germany recommends that adequate measures are taken to guarantee and monitor the effective implementation of the Prevention of Atrocities Act, providing legal means for an increased protection of vulnerable groups like the Dalit, including the access to legal remedies for affected persons.

Germany also recommends the adoption of the Prevention of Communal and Targeted Violence Bill addressing issues such as accountability of civil servants, standards of compensation for victims and elements of command responsibilities.

Germany recommends to reconsider laws and bills on religious conversion in several Indian states in the light of freedom of religion or belief in order to avoid the use of vague or broad terminology and discriminatory provisions.

I thank you, Madam President.