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**German questions and recommendations to  
Morocco**

**by**

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Madam President,

Germany appreciates the government of Morocco's commitment to implement the recommendations of the first cycle of the UPR, and especially legislative reforms in the area of family law, contributing to the realization of gender equality.

We would like to ask the following **questions** and make the following **recommendations**:

- 1. What plans exist to enact legislation defining the crime of torture consistent with Art. 1 of the CAT and to increase accountability mechanisms? Are there any plans to improve prison conditions?**
- 2. We recommend to revise the Press Act and to abolish provisions that lead to a restriction of freedom of opinion and expression and freedom of religion and belief and to take measures in order to allow for free, impartial and objective media.**
- 3. We recommend to accelerate the drafting process of a bill on domestic violence and to take appropriate measures in order to effectively prevent gender discrimination.**

Finally we would like to thank Morocco 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.